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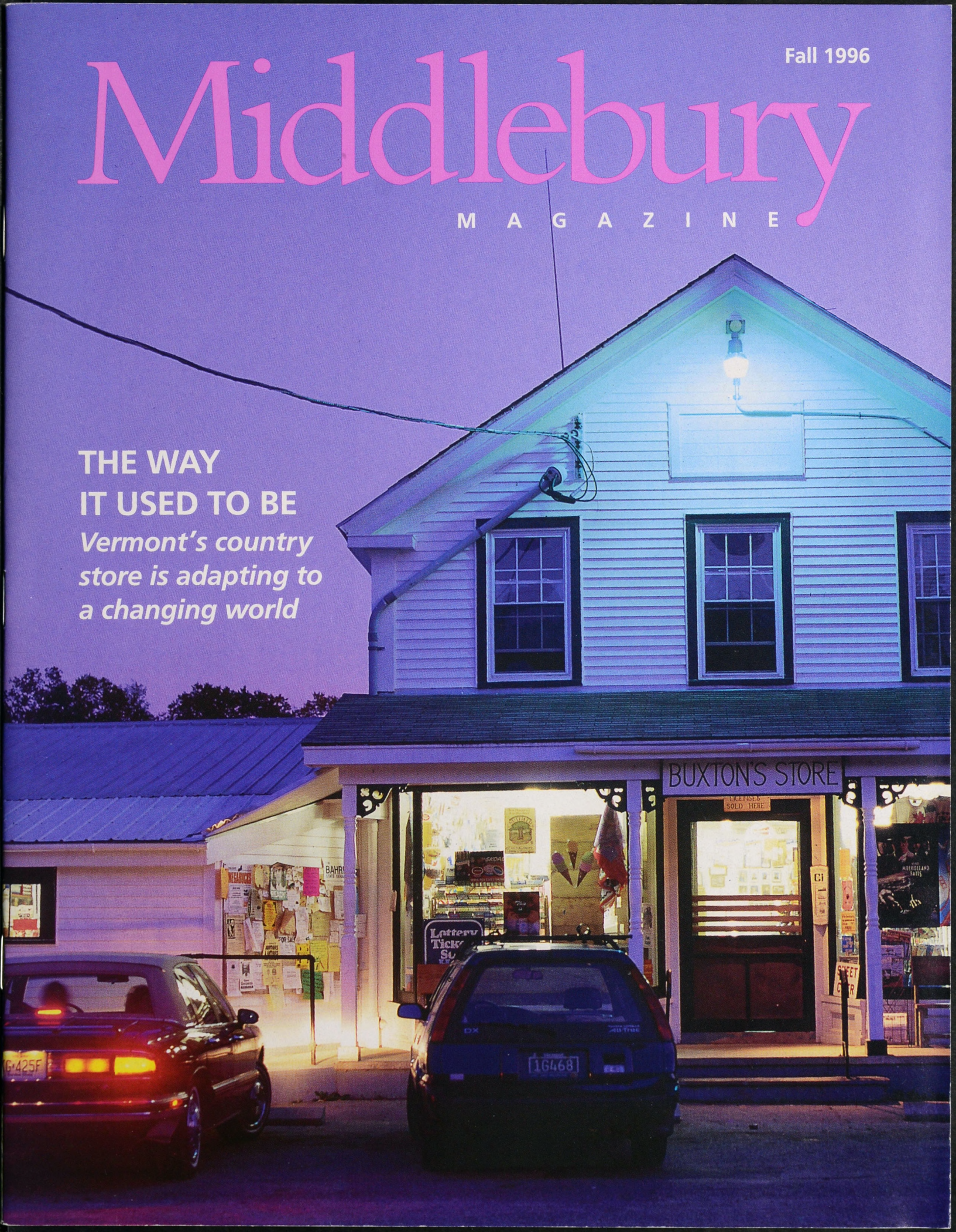

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LAKE MIDD: 18 LANES AND A MOUNTAIN VIEW

Everyone said it was big, and you'd think that with a summer of Olympic television watching experience behind me, I could have at least imagined how big Middlebury's new pool would be. But nothing prepared me for the awesome size of this body of water. Coach Mary Ellen Claffey says people refer to it as a lake, and you can see why.

As I gaze down the long blue expanse I realize with a shock of usually repressed self-knowledge that I could never swim even one lap, at least not lengthwise. Yet in spite of my appalling physical condition, I still long to dive in.

How *big* is this thing anyway? I ask architect Steve Nelson '67, whose firm Moser, Pilon, Nelson Architects has been involved with many of the College's building and renovation projects, including the football stadium, the Fitness Center, and the renovation of Old Chapel. Nelson enthusiastically lobs numbers my way. To be exact, the pool is 75 feet wide, 164 feet 6 inches long. It has three depths—one meter for general recreation swimmers (me, as soon as I get the guts to get into a bathing suit); two meters in the 10 racing lanes (me, as I could have been 20 years ago, but wasn't); and four meters in the diving section (not in my wildest fantasies).

And the lighting—100 footcandles at water level—is state of the art; this will be good for televised meets and perhaps even flattering to middle-aged matrons contemplating an aquatic comeback. Complementing the sophisticated lighting system is an uncomplicated natural lighting system—windows. Very unusual in a natatorium, these windows offer abundant natural light and breathtaking views of the mountains behind the playing fields. (To avoid glare on the water, there is a automated shade system for during swim meets.)

All in all, the space is so lovely, the pool so inviting, that people try to dream up reasons to be there. "How about an alumni reception after the football game—poolside?" someone suggested. (Food, kids? I don't think so.) How about a marine geology class—poolside? (Soggy books? I don't think so.) Heck, the pool's for swimming. Just grab your Speedo and dive on in. ■ *RM*

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Not Out to Pasture

I've just received my summer issue of *Middlebury Magazine.* The people who gave it a prize were right. You're doing a very good job. Hats off.

Nearly 50 years ago, Sheldon Flory and I published a Middlebury College magazine for two years—the literary magazine, *Frontiers*. It was pretty good, too, as we had some fine writers and a good adviser on format. We were a team. Sheldon edited the poetry, and I edited the prose. I don't remember that we ever won a prize. There may not have been prizes then. If there were, *Frontiers* might very well have gotten one.

The nice piece about Sheldon in the Class Connection notes for 1950 in your current [summer 1996] issue gives me an idea you might want to look in to. How about doing occasional profiles of some of the older alumni who have been and still are leading very productive and interesting lives? The 30-something alumni and the 40-something alumni are fine. We're happy that they get recognized. But how about some of us 60-something and higher alumni? We're not all out to pasture. It isn't just golf tournaments, grandchildren, and obituaries.

Sheldon would be a great one to start with. Call him up and have a chat. See if you can break through his modesty. Learn about a rich, full, successful life—not always easy—almost entirely outside the circle of big prestige and big influence that catches most of the spotlight. Find out how a truly well-educated person of our era got that way, and what he's done with it. He and his ilk are as much a credit to Middlebury as the big movers and shakers who are obvious candidates for portraiture.

That's where most Midd alumni really are, you know—working their way quietly toward rewarding lives outside the circles of power, prestige, and influence that captures most of the attention.

Bernard Z. Friedlander '50
Bellevue, Washington

Another Reading of "Directive"

In response to "Taking Direction from the Poet," [summer 1996]—
One hesitates to challenge what may seem to many to be an unassailable reading of a Frost poem by John Elder, but I believe his interpretation: "The answer to the poem's ["Directive"] conundrum is in fact the land itself" cannot be derived from the poem itself. "Directive" seems to me a poem about human suffering, loss, and possible redemption in the presence of an indifferent Nature where, however much we might like to believe otherwise, the "phoebes" have never "wept" for a burned down homestead. Frost's poetry throughout rigorously resists what can be called "environmentalist" interpretations. The land is the land—and that's "the most of it." No village well reflects any truth from its depths, just as "desert places" are most apt to lie within the impoverished human soul.

Professor Robert W. Hill, Jr.
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Lyrics by Wright

Once again, I must write to you to try to set the record straight. This time, I am referring to the Reunion '96 article which appears on the inside back cover of the Summer 1996 *Middlebury Magazine*, vol. 70, no. 3. The article reports playing the song "Gamaliel Painter's Cane" during the June activities, and it states that the song was written by E. Pruda Harwood Wiley '12. *This statement is only partially correct!*

In fact, "Gamaliel Painter's Cane" was written by my grandfather, Charles Baker Wright, soon after he joined the Middlebury faculty in 1885 as professor of rhetoric and English literature. Some time later, he enlisted the help of his dear friend and former student, Mrs. Wiley, to set the words of his poem to music.

Charles Baker Wright (left) wrote the words to "Gamaliel Painter's Cane" soon after he joined the faculty in 1885. E. Pruda Wiley '12 put those words to music. The rest is history.

The song was first sung at the Commencement Luncheon on June 20, 1917, while Mrs. Wiley was enjoying her 5th Reunion, by Middlebury President John M. Thomas (who had a magnificent voice) and Professors Collins, Cunningham, and Bonney. I have before me a copy of the sheet of music hastily prepared for the occasion. Below the title, it says "Words by Charles B. Wright, music by E. Pruda Wiley '12." This format was repeated in the 1924 and 1958 editions of "Songs of Middlebury College." To my knowledge, it has been retained throughout nearly eighty years, *until now!!*

As is well known, "Gamaliel Painter's Cane" was an immediate hit among both students and alumni, and for many years it was an "unofficial" alma mater. The song has been associated with Middlebury traditions including football games, step singing, and the Cane Ceremony held behind Forest Hall when the junior women received canes from their big sisters at graduation time. Perhaps the song has endured because it was adaptable to so many situations.

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Polly Upson Kahler '51
Ocala, Florida

Former Staffer has Fond Memories

As a person who has read every issue of the *Middlebury Magazine* for the last 12 years, I would like you to know how impressed I have been with your work at building on the success of your predecessors in making the magazine such an outstanding publication. While the addition of color photographs inside the magazine might be the most noticeable change, I find the articles and features even more compelling. Each issue feels like a little piece of Middlebury, a vital reminder of the people and the place that I cherish. Of course, the class notes are the first item every reader turns to, and this essential means of keeping alumni and friends connected to one

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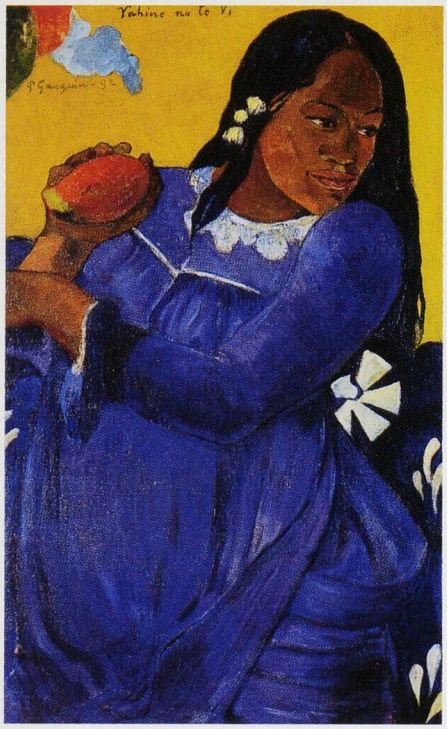

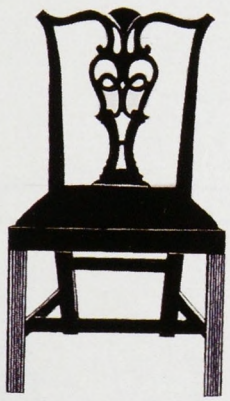

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another looks as strong as it ever has. I look forward to seeing the fruits of your efforts and the work of the staff and volunteers who contribute so much time and energy in the next issue!

Bob Peskin
St. Paul, Minnesota

Bob Peskin was associate director of alumni relations at Middlebury, coordinator of the class secretary program from 1984 to 1992, and was elected honorary member of Middlebury's Class of '92. He is currently minister of music at Unity Church—Unitarian, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Where's the Hot Sauce?

Maybe it's just churlish, grumpy little me, but ever since Tim Etchells left the editorship of *Middlebury Magazine*, the rag has become so sleek, so self-congratulatory, and so—well—*bland*, that I don't feel I've read anything by the end of it. The fact that it's just "snagged a Silver award from CASE" is all very nice: certainly you guys have mastered the art of the upbeat; you're producing a periodical every bit as tasty-looking as *Family Circle*. And certainly the college deserves to celebrate its many accomplished alumni—which it's doing these days with unprecedented glamour (the articles are slick, the pix gloriously technicolor). But it's lost whatever feistiness it once at least

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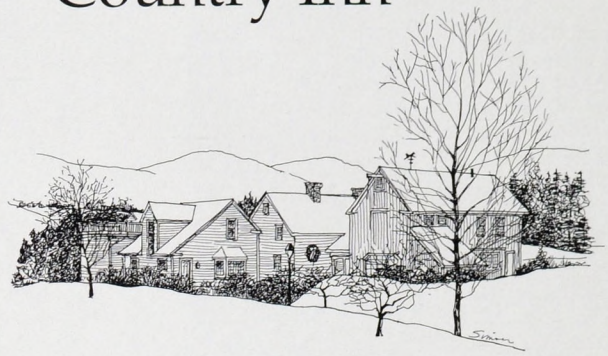

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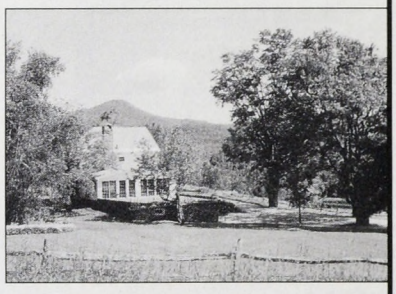

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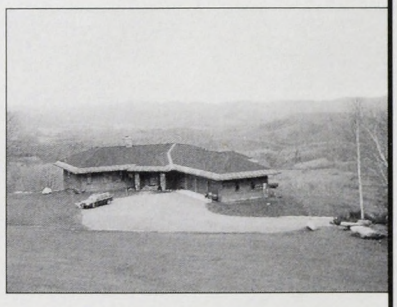

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occasionally exhibited. There hasn't been any mention in a very long while of the plight and experience of gay, lesbian, and bisexual students and alumni, or any sort of tough questioning of the continuing white upper-middle-class homogeniety of the place—in fact, there hasn't been anything at all prickly or controversial in its pages about Middlebury—or the rude awakening life is for most of us after Middlebury—for what seems like an eon. Not that the magazine should suddenly get grim, but it seems at the very least a disservice (especially to newly hatched graduates) not to cover *some* of the very tough crap that happens to so many of us with what we might kindly call our "recalcitrant" job market and economy, dealing with AIDS (which many, many Midd graduates have battled and died from), etc.

Undoubtedly a large part of the underlying mission of all this relentless good cheer is economic seduction: how could we resist sending money to such a perfect little paradise? But I sure wish somebody would throw a little hot sauce into this avocado dip. I liked a lot about Middlebury, but I feel like I went to a very different college from the ultrasmooth version we've been getting lately. (Feel free to start by attacking churlish alumni like me, if you'd like.)

Guy Kettelhack '73
New York, New York

Update on Pensike

That was a very interesting article by Dan Robb ["School for Scoundrels," summer 1996]. Keep us informed when his book is published. The illustrations by Jeanette Chupak are lovely.

Katharine Parker
Juneau, Alaska

Dan, who has recently moved to Bainbridge Island, Washington, hasn't yet heard from his agent, on whose desk his book sits moldering.—Ed.

Send Letters

Churlish or charming, we want to hear your views. Please address correspondence to Letters, Middlebury Magazine, Hathaway House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

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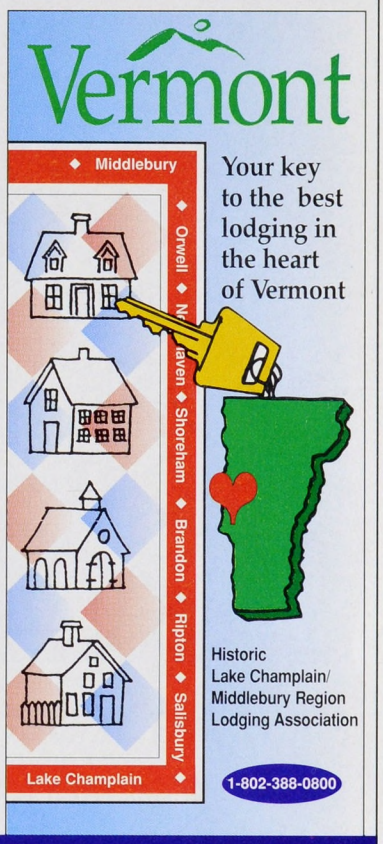

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FIRST BIG SPLASH IN THE BRAND NEW POOL

"So is it, One. Two. *Three*? Or is it, One. Two. Three. *Dive?*" One of the extremely exact and organized co-captains of the women's swim team wanted to know about when *exactly* they should all let loose and dive into Middlebury's brand new, as-yet un-swum-in pool. It was One. Two. *Three*. And in they went, all together, and like a bunch of frolicking seals they whooped and dove with joy in this vast new playground that would soon become their daily home for workouts and meets.

The pool had been officially off-limits all during September, but was irresistibly full of sparkling blue water, encouraging many to speculate who, exactly, would be first to sneak in one night. Was it really possible that no one had jumped in yet? Coach Mary Ellen Claffey was sure none of her swimmers had taken a forbidden dip. How about the workmen? Surely one of the small army of builders, carpenters, glaziers, and electricians has ripped off his tool belt and plunged into this sparkling cool pool? "Nope," says the foreman. "Not a chance. Anyone caught in the pool was off the site. Out of a job."

It was rumored that Vice President Ron Liebowitz wanted to be the first in; and Athletics Director Tom Lawson, who had the chance, held back, suggesting that Coach Claffey really ought to be first to christen the pool. She in turn handed the job to her four co-captains. And they, you can bet your life, jumped at the chance.

So this was really it. September 25 at noon, co-captains of the women's swim team, Nellie Fox and Leslie Graham, and co-captains of the men's swim team, Jon McCall and Josh Landis (all '97), officially christened the not-yet-named pool and a new era for Middlebury swimming began. ■

The Skinny on the Big Pool

- 18 lanes
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  - 8 racing lanes long-course direction
- 2 one-meter diving boards
- 2 three-meter diving boards
- 650,000 gallons of water
- 1,000 spectator seats
- Room for 300 officials and competitors on deck
- 2,160,000 ceramic tiles lining the pool
- 3 1/2 times the size of the old pool
- 10 men worked two weeks to tile the floor of the pool
- No chlorine—a bromide ozone system
- Energy efficient—water removed from the air, which creates heat, which in turn heats the pool water and air with some extra left over!
- Views of the mountains—through big windows (with shades to cut glare)
- Architects: Moser, Pilon, Nelson (Steve Nelson '67)

Photograph by Owen Stayner

TOWN DEBATES COLLEGE SALE OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT

A developer's proposal to build a Price Chopper supermarket in Middlebury has sparked local opposition and placed the College in the midst of a controversy. The supermarket would occupy the current site of the Maple Manor Motel on Route 7 south of the village, which the College has agreed to sell to the developer of the proposed project.

The proposal was first presented to the town Planning Commission last May. Since that time, the project has brought out community residents to Planning Commission meetings held to debate the issue, and has generated stories, letters, and opinion pieces in the local press, the *Boston Globe,* and the *New York Times.*

The developer, Myron Hunt '51, who has previously developed other commercial real estate projects in Middlebury, first approached the College to purchase the land through an agent. The selling price was negotiated and a sales agreement signed, but final sale of the land is contingent upon the town's approval of Hunt's development proposal.

Criticism directed at the College has focused on what critics say is the College's responsibility to assume leadership in the preservation of Middlebury's small town character. They charge that by agreeing to sell the land for this type of development, the College has abrogated that responsibility. Some have accused the College of placing its financial interests above the interests of the town.

From the College's point of view, this criticism is misdirected and unwarranted. The College, officials say, has a fiduciary responsibility to convert the Maple Manor property, which was donated to the College in return for an annuity income and on which the College pays taxes at the commercial rate, into a usable asset. The College has also taken the position that any developer with a project to propose is entitled to present his ideas to the appropriate town boards, and that it would be wrong for the College to usurp these functions from the town.

"Whether this particular project is needed or appropriate for the town," said Middlebury's president, John M. McCardell, Jr., "is for the town to decide." Citing guidelines and procedures that have been "painstakingly put into place by the town to evaluate and rule on such proposals," McCardell firmly rejects the argument that the College had a responsibility in this case to short-circuit the process. "For the College to circumvent these processes, based solely upon its own determination of what's best for the town, would be the height of arrogance," he said.

McCardell points out that the developer sought and gained assurance from the town planning officer that his project was an appropriate use of the land before approaching the College with an offer to purchase the property. McCardell also notes that Hunt received advice on siting the facility on the property from the town planning officer, who suggested to Hunt that he add a restaurant to his proposal. "To single out the College as somehow unleashing a chain of events that will ultimately lead to the destruction of the town," he said, "both overstates things and misrepresents the matter."

Over the summer opposition to the proposal continued to be strong, although there has been less criticism of the College in recent weeks. The most serious blow to the developer's proposal came when the town Select Board rejected the developer's plan to address the increased traffic that the project is expected to generate. This is expected to be a major factor in the Planning Commission's decision on the matter. The commission's decision is expected soon. ■

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First Wives: Midd '69?

Midd moviegoers have been amazed this fall to hear a narrator announce, during the first few minutes of the *The First Wives Club*, that this trio of scrapped spouses met when they were students at Middlebury College—Class of '69. While the voice said Middlebury, the visuals said Brooklyn College (the dominance of brick rather than stone was a dead giveaway to knowing Midds in the audience). On campus, students questioned whether these women truly reflect Middlebury values. Maybe we should leave it to the Class of '69—can you find room in your hearts and in your class for three vengeful ex-wives? Hey, let's invite Diane Keaton, Bette Midler, and Goldie Hawn to reunion and see how they fit in! ■

JUST PEACE

"Never underestimate the human heart." With these words John Wallach '64 summarizes his hopes for peace in the Middle East. He is not, however, passively relying on that heart, but actively trying to influence it. His passion in life now is Seeds of Peace, a summer coexistence program for teenagers, that he runs at Camp Androscoggin in Maine.

Seeds of Peace, founded by Wallach in 1993, is your basic summer camp by day—sports, drama, art, and other activities. But at night, in a highly structured situation with trained facilitators, these children participate in a detoxification program. No, not for alcohol or drugs: for hatred. It is amazing, Wallach says, "even at the age of 13 how much hatred people can have. They carry such a burden of hatred." Their parents hate each other, although they risk—literally—the lives of their families in allowing their children to participate in Seeds of Peace. Smug, the children come to Maine sure they can outdo their fathers and mothers at bridging gaps between Arab and Israeli, Serb and Bosnian. Armed with different "facts," they learn it is not so easy. They learn they hate, too. They shout and cry and at last become vulnerable. And in that vulnerability, as their conflict takes on a human face—one they might hesitate to kill—lies the hope of coexistence.

Campers at the first Seeds of Peace were guests of the White House and witnessed the historic handshake between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat in 1996.

Each year 1,800 young people who live in violent places full of rage—Bosnia, Egypt, inner-city U.S.A., Israel, Jordan, Morocco, the Occupied Territories or Palestine or the West Bank (depending on the point of view), Qatar, Serbia, Tunisia—apply for 150 places at this summer camp on neutral territory. They must speak English and they must write an essay, "Why I want to make peace with the enemy." Representatives of their governments select who among these teenage applicants will form "the Israeli delegation," "the Palestinian delegation," "the Serbian delegation," and the others designated as they may be in the future in international negotiations. They come together "to make peace in their hearts, not peace on a piece of paper." Maybe it will work. Wallach believes it will.

Formerly a foreign news editor for The Hearst Newspapers, Wallach now focuses his skills and connections on making the world a better place. He believes children—future generations—are the hope of us all, that the teens he brings together in Seeds of Peace will become the prime ministers of their countries in the future, and they will achieve the peace now so elusive. He knows what this College also believes: that education matters; has global implications; offers the best chance for the future; and that when you help exceptional young people understand the realities of this world, they will make it better than even the best of us ever can.

Wallach's journalism experience has provided him access to the highest levels of government. Participants in each of the sessions of the summer camp have met with the top two American leaders. Those in the first session of the multinational camp were guests at the 1993 signing of the Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles at the White House when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shook hands with President Yasser Arafat. In early October this year, these participants, joined by the teenagers who had followed them to Maine each year, filled the wires with faxes and e-mail to create a joint resolution, which Wallach used his connections to have read during the White House meeting of Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu, President Arafat, King Hussein, and President Clinton, when they tried to get the peace process back on track.

The connections between enemies made in Maine continue throughout the year. Informally, the students call and visit each other. Now, a center is being set up in Jerusalem where these teenagers can meet. And, as a motivator, these children can return to camp in succeeding summers as junior counselors, peer supporters, or facilitators-in-training based on their actions *after* they return to their homes. They want to return; many keep in touch with each other; to do it they cross life-threatening barriers most of us will never have to face. Why?

"We found out there isn't any other solution: just peace." ■

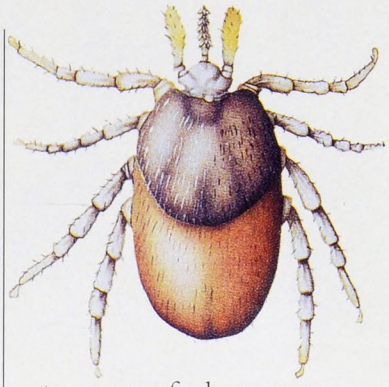
STUDENTS HELP WITH LYME DISEASE RESEARCH

Bob Cluss reaches into his wallet and pulls out a picture. True, he and his wife have just had a new baby daughter, but the photo in question is not of a darling newborn baby, but a dreaded newborn tick. Cluss laughs at how odd this must look.

"People are always asking me what the tick looks like," he explains, "and I'm not an entomologist, so this card is a handy way to show them." The tick in question is the deer tick—a little creature that has caused big problems throughout New England because a bacterium it harbors in its gut—*Borrelia burgdorferi*—causes Lyme disease. Cluss and his students at Middlebury, with some funding by the National Institutes of Health, have been researching factors that affect the well-being of the bacteria, such as temperature and diet, in the hopes that they can slow or even stop the spread of the tick-borne disease.

While New Englanders have become increasingly alarmed by the rapid spread of Lyme disease, Cluss cautions that this disease is nothing new (it was established in Europe in the late 1800s), and it is much more prevalent in Westchester County, New York, and in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Additionally, he says, "Historical records talk about tick infestation that is beyond your worst nightmares—about hundreds of ticks covering animals, something you'd read about in science fiction."

His Lyme disease research continues year-round with undergraduates, many of whom go on to medical or graduate school. "I think my greatest contribution as a scientist will be the initial interest I can spark in students who may go on and be full-time research scientists. I live vicariously through their contributions." ■



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STUDENTS PROMOTE RELEASE OF DETAINED TIBETAN SCHOLAR

Ngawang Choephel, a former Middlebury student and Fulbright scholar of ethnomusicology, is still missing 10 months after being detained in his native Tibet while making a film about traditional music. Some Middlebury students have mobilized a letter-writing campaign, designed and sold T-shirts, and screened the film *Ngawang Choephel: A Portrait of a Political Prisoner,* narrated by Goldie Hawn and Peter Coyote. This video contains some of the footage shot by Choephel in Tibet prior to his arrest. ■

Ngawang Choephel

Photograph by Kathryn Culley/ICT

GUNS & ROSES

A Hartford exhibition brings together Colts and culture

By Patricia Wright

Bill Hosley's favorite word seems to be *buzzed*. It also seems to be his characteristic state. This may consort oddly with his title, which is dignified in the extreme: Richard Koopman Curator of American Decorative Arts at the venerable Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Connecticut. But Hosley is an unpretentious guy. Not unassuming, but unpretentious. Friendly, rumpled, excitable, a regular popcorn-popper for ideas about art and culture and history, the '77 Middlebury grad is so intense about the exhibition at hand—"Sam and Elizabeth: Legend and Legacy of Colt's Empire," at the Atheneum through next March—that a Hartford newspaper recently cast him as the Indiana Jones of museum work.

"Museum archeology! Yes!" exclaims Hosley in his office one morning in early September, a week before the opening of this compact extravaganza of art, architecture, guns, philanthropy, and industrial development. "Most of these objects have been in storage for generations; it was just a thrill to find them again and begin learning the stories attached to them. You get passionate about it!"

So he does, visibly. And so, more subtly, does his colleague Karen Blanchfield '88, a veteran of the Class of '62 Internship Program and the first of five Middlebury students who've spent at least one summer working on the Colts. In fact, this exhibit is "in a real way, the consequence of the Class of '62 Internship Program," Hosley claims. Each of the five interns (Fred Lawrence '92, Kyna Mackey '93, Andrew Roebuck '96, and Benjamin Hartley '96, as well as Blanchfield) contributed a valuable and essential role in the exhibit currently wowing the public. Blanchfield especially, says Hosley, helped rethink how art museums tell stories with collections. "This exhibit looks very different from what you'd expect to find. There's music, video—it's an explosion of

Photograph by Robert Benson

objects but set in these highly staged, and theatrical settings. There's an attempt to merge history, art, and even theatre in creating an experience."

Now assistant curator of American art at the museum and Hosley's chief collaborator, Blanchfield is as calm and considered as her mentor is impulsive and intense. "Yeah, there's a little yin and yang going on," concedes Hosley. The contrast of temperaments, however, is no more striking than the partnership of intellects, as, seated side by side for an interview, the pair unself-consciously complete each other's sentences and refine each other's observations.

"I think the significance of the Colts' story right now is that we're once again searching for a new paradigm," says Blanchfield. Like many other American cities, Hartford is currently at an economic crossroads, she says. "It's not insurance any more; what is it? It's not defense any more; what is it?" The city was at a similar pass in the 1840s when a brilliant and determined inventor-entrepreneur named Samuel Colt, who'd patented his repeating revolver in 1836, began building what Hosley calls his "empire" in the then-sleepy riverfront city of his birth.

Why "empire"? Well, for one thing, because Colt's Armory—the star-spangled blue onion dome that is nearly sideswiped nowadays by the concrete spans of Highway I-91—is only the most visible tip of what this high-Victorian power couple made happen in Hartford, including an extensive and idealized workers' community called "Coltsville" and a grandiose estate called "Armsmear." To these were added, after Sam's untimely death in 1862, the tangible results of Elizabeth's "40-year campaign to bring honor to the Colt name" with such projects as Colt Park, the Church of the Good Shepherd, and the Caldwell Colt Memorial Parish House.

"Empire," also, because modern empires are made and maintained by guns. "And there's no way of telling the Colt story without dealing with guns," says Hosley.

He says it reluctantly, though. He says it as if he'd give a lot to say that Sam was in the sewing-machine trade. Hosley has taken a lifetime's worth of "kicks in the head," he says, trying to get funding and exposure for a project with the nervous-making subject of guns in the middle of it. (No National Endowment funding was forthcoming for the exhibition, which will not travel; the possibility of a public TV documentary fell through. In the end Fleet Bank and the Connecticut Humanities Council were the principal sponsors, helped by public-spirited individuals and groups, including the Armor and Arms Club of New York and the Kalamazoo Banner Works.)

"Colt's pistol factory became one of the most celebrated icons of the industrial age," says a brochure for the exhibition, "and the famed Colt revolver was one of the first products of American manufacture to be sold and used around the world. By 1851, Sam Colt was an international celebrity." And by now—indeed, long since—Sam Colt has been an object of veneration by gun collectors and a patron saint to the gun lobby. The Colt cult is especially strong in Texas, where "Sam Colt is practically the state tree," says Hosley. "Though as far we know he never went there," adds Blanchfield.

The hitching of Colt's historical star to "the gun that won the West" may be unavoidable and will undoubtedly add to the show's appeal among parts of the public. One of its six sections is called "Guns, Gun Culture, and Invention"; highlights are "rare experimental models, Paterson-era pistols and longarms, presentation sets, examples of Colt's Civil War firearms, and the famous Walker Colt pistol." For gun fanciers it must be an irresistible revel. "These people love guns; it's just an orgasmic experience for them," says Hosley. The elaborate and inventive maze of programs surrounding the exhibition will include Clint Eastwood and John Wayne movies.

But Hosley and Blanchfield are more interested in the much broader context the Colt story commands. Colt was not only an inventor but a manufacturing and marketing genius. He developed methods that would later be used for bicycles, typewriters, automobiles, and, yes, sewing machines—dozens, eventually hundreds of thousands of mechanical objects that would require replacement parts absolutely identical to the originals. The concept of the interchangeable part, popularly credited to Henry Ford, was credited by Ford to Samuel Colt. And he courted governments, kings, and military leaders all over the world in order to market his products.

"You have to recognize the context in which he made these innovations," says Hosley. "Industrialization and mechanization were so controversial at the time. I mean, it was the end of a period of thousands of years in which everything was made by hand. And it was in the United States, which was still this upstart nation exporting beaver pelts and pine logs!"

The 19th century, says Hosley, witnessed an international race to develop more perfect weapons and to drive their cost down. That the United States won that race—and a series of foreign and domestic wars—is due to the efforts of Samuel Colt.

If Hosley and Blanchfield are

anxious to broaden the context of Samuel and Elizabeth Colt—international figures who never got to Texas but did attend the coronation of Czar Alexander II—they're also eager, as Hosley expresses it, "to repatriate the story for Hartford and Elizabeth. What annoys me about Sam getting taken over by the gun lobby," he says, "is that Hartford and Elizabeth get crushed like a bug."

The Colts' Hartford, say these curators, was not only a pivot of the industrial revolution but the earliest florescence of the American "Gilded Age" that would run riot in the nouveau riche Newport mansions a generation later. And, they say, the relative obscurity of Elizabeth Colt is a perfect example of the marginalization of women in history.

The formidable Elizabeth Hart Jarvis Colt, known in her lifetime as "the first lady of Connecticut," was a full partner to her peripatetic husband before his death, embodying with him the curious and explosive blend of idealism, ambition, and nationalism that characterized the age. Over the course of her own much longer life she became "by far the most significant philanthropist in the city's history." When Mrs. Colt died in 1905 it was front-page news in Hartford for four days running. In addition to the architectural monuments noted above, she left behind the Colt Memorial bequest to the Wadsworth Atheneum—to this day the largest single bequest in the museum's history.

Of her collection of paintings and other objets d'art, furniture, memorabilia—and guns—the exhibition "Sam and Elizabeth" showcases the cream. The 300-odd objects on view are the very image, says Hosley, of "two incredibly focused and purposeful" lives. ■

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The Rustle of Opposing Cultures

Timothy Rub '74

On a deceptively mild fall day at Dartmouth College a year ago, in a deceptively quiet upstairs gallery of the Hood Museum of Art, you could stand beside the soft, hovering rectangles of a huge Mark Rothko painting and hear the ominous rustle of opposing cultural armies.

In your mind's ear, this would be. All around you in the central gallery, the cream of an expensive collection of recent Euro-American art: Rothko, Neel, Katz, Ruscha, Stankiewicz. To your right, the naive and captivating American Indian paintings of 19th-century Euro-American George Catlin. And to your left, the in-your-face output of five contemporary Native American photographers.

"Yeah, well, wait until next week," smiled Hood director Timothy Rub when the battle-ready aspect of his second-floor galleries was remarked upon. Within days Rub's staff would be installing work by five former artists-in-residence at Dartmouth, all Native Americans and all touchy on the subject of representation of native people.

"When we first decided to bring in the Catlin show, the response was very interesting," says Rub. "People said, 'Oh, this stuff isn't interesting,' or—more to the point, perhaps—'This is politically problematic.' And I said, 'Well, you don't have to love it to show it. And to show it isn't necessarily to celebrate it.' If it's a genuinely interesting and complicated show, you can program in opposition to it. You can counter-program."

Rub, an elegant, friendly, fair-haired man in a sleek ash-gray suit and beige-striped tie, was speaking from the vantage point of nearly 20 years of careful thinking about art. After graduating *cum laude* from Middlebury in 1974, he took master's degrees in art history and business from NYU and Yale, respectively, coming to the Hood in 1987 by way of the Cooper-Hewitt in New York and stints at the Bronx Museum, the Metropolitan, and the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

His personal research interest is 20th-century architecture. Yet Rub has embraced with brio the demands of directorship, which at the Hood involve a "triage," as he puts it, of management, fund-raising, and occasional curatorial projects.

One reason this is such a good time to work in a museum on campus, says Rub, is demonstrated by the lively arguments going on among those objects upstairs. Higher education historically had much to do with the study of objects—especially the stones and bones and slings and arrows and so on—of natural history and ethnographic studies.

"We still study things in those areas, but we no longer need to possess the things," says Rub. In art, though, there's "an explosion" in "the need to understand images, to unpack them, to realize the kind of information they contain and convey."

Does this sophisticated interest in images go back to Middlebury? Absolutely, says Rub. He was a young violinist "wandering aimlessly as an English major" when he bumped into art history. While he might have become an art historian elsewhere, Rub expresses great satisfaction at having happened into what he considers a kind of golden age in art history at Middlebury.

"It was one of those interesting moments when a department comes together and is a very exciting place to be," he says. "There were some very young, energetic people teaching in that department." He mentions, among others, John Hunisak, his first art history professor, then "right out of grad school, and wacky and full of energy." There was no particular theological bent to the place, he says. "It was just before critical methods became the grail or the *bête noir,* depending on who you are," of humanities departments—"just a great deal of enthusiasm for the discipline and for the material."

The result, says Rub, was an unusually rich crop of graduates going on to do unusually interesting things. "Well, why is that?" Rub asks. "I think when the faculty you're studying with has some zeal and can communicate it—that's incredibly powerful." ■

My right foot

Derry Mason's courageous choice

By Rachel Morton

When Derry Mason '97 leaves a room, people look at each other and say, "Wow." First of all, there're his all-American good looks (present in spite of a recent attempt at a goatee). Then there are his achievements as an athlete, his sense of humor, his personal magnetism, his cheerful disposition. It's all this and more. Way more than the foot.

But the foot is where it all begins—for Derry, and for the world as it first knows Derry. People may try to look somewhere else, but eventually they sneak a look and take in the leather straps and the stainless steel. He is gentle with those who are torn on the one hand by curiosity and on the other by reluctance to pry. "Go ahead, ask," he says good-naturedly. And lots of people have, and soon they get a full explanation of how Derry lost his foot and how the current one works. Some even find themselves able to ask questions they never dreamed they could ask, like—Where does your leg end? ("Below the calf"); Do you take it off in the shower? ("Yes, unless I'm showering with a friend!").

Derry especially appreciates the children he meets. "Little kids are the greatest because they just come up and ask, 'What happened?' That's cool. They think you're the terminator out of *Star Trek.*"

Perhaps one reason for Mason's upbeat attitude is the fact that he lost his foot, not due to some terrible accident, but due to a calculated choice on his part. Derry wanted that foot off so he could begin a new life.

Born in Salem, Massachusetts, Derry appeared in the world with a birth defect that made his right leg shorter than his left. He attributes this condition to his father's exposure to Agent Orange in the Vietnam War: "My father was in the 101st Airborne Division; he spent the whole war flying in the DMZ. He was exposed to

everything." While Mason believes that other children of Vietnam vets with the same experience as his father have had similar birth defects, he states, with just a little edge in his voice, that "the government never admitted it."

Throughout his childhood, Mason wore a four-inch metal lift on his shoe so that he could walk, but the condition was painful, and childhood was not an easy time for him. He couldn't run, couldn't do sports, and felt terrible about himself.

"I wasn't a happy kid. I had no real self-confidence. I was five foot three and fat—a little porker. I used to get picked on."

He describes dragging that big lift around, withdrawing into himself, and spiraling down into depression. His doctor had held out hope for a leg lengthening procedure, but by the time Derry was 14, the doctor admitted that they could only lengthen the leg by two inches, and Derry would never be able to walk or run normally.

"I'd never be able to wear a regular pair of sneakers!" he exclaims. The idea of wearing a normal pair of sneakers symbolized for the teenager everything he was missing in life. When he learned that his choice was either continued pain or removal of the foot and a prosthesis, the choice was clear.

"I told him to cut it off. My parents said, 'Are you sure?' I had a couple of months to think about it, but I knew I wanted to do it." Derry made the appointment for surgery and waited for that day in July when his life would change.

"I needed a new direction because I was going downhill. For me it was like, get with the program. I saw this as a chance to start over. I was very excited about it. I just thought about running. I saw myself going and getting my foot cut off. And then running."

Derry's attitude contributed to the phenomenal rate of recovery he experienced and his subsequent emergence as an athlete. "They did it Friday, I went home Sunday. I healed faster than anybody has healed. When I got my leg fitted, I just took a few steps and that was it for physical therapy. It took a little while longer to learn to run and ski."

Derry had his foot removed the summer of '88. Within three months he had grown seven inches—"Big growth spurt. I timed it just right!" In the next few summers he sailed back from Bermuda, went to England and worked on a sheep farm, sailed around Ireland, and worked as trail crew in the Maine mountains. After his operation he played lacrosse in high school and led the outdoor program. He does telemark skiing, rock climbing, ice climbing, snowshoeing, winter mountaineering. He now runs up to seven miles three times a week and zooms around campus on his in-line skates; he is a regular in the Fitness Center and advises other students on workout programs. Mason's physical development and accomplishments, as amazing as they are, are equally matched by his mental outlook.

"I think being disabled is a state of mind: you're only as disabled as you let yourself be. There are plenty of people who, something happens to them and they think, 'My life is over, I'll never get off the couch,' so they don't." Mason's positive attitude about life has not gone unnoticed by his teachers, doctors, and even the Middlebury community. When last spring a seven-year-old girl, who lives near Middlebury, had her leg amputated as a result of a gunshot wound, townspeople called Derry to go speak to her and her family in the hospital.

"She was shy, but it was good. Her dad had a lot of questions about the different options, different technologies. To be honest, Vermont is kind of a hard place to be if you're an amputee." But he felt that the child would adjust well to the prosthesis if her parents could themselves stay positive and believe that the only thing limiting their daughter's options was her own desires and choices. Mason, however, is no Pollyanna: "Granted, there will always be a low moment."

This kind of emotional troubleshooting is not new to Derry. His own doctor has called him in to speak to other patients who have lost a limb and who need to see that a normal life awaits them, if they will only reach for it.

Derry is known college-wide—"I'm kind of hard to miss, you know, everybody hears about the one-legged guy." There are tales circulating about how Derry, during the early part of his first year, pulled some stunts during parties where, his prosthesis camouflaged by trousers, he had a friend stab a pocketknife through his "leg" in a mock fight. That's certainly one way for a first-year student to get noticed, but Derry has not had to resort to such drastic pranks in succeeding years. Described by various approving females as "a babe" and "a cool guy," Derry has never been at a loss for female companionship and his social life has always been active. At this point in his senior year, he guesses he knows everybody on campus. Maintenance men and faculty, too, greet him as they pass, and administrators extol him to each other, guessing what wonders he'll accomplish when he gets out into the real world.

After graduation, this American literature major hopes to pursue graduate studies and then eventually to teach English at the college level. Seeing what he has accomplished thus far, it's a good guess that if this is what Derry plans to do, this is what Derry will achieve. In fact, if you ask Derry what he *can't* do, he'll reply quite simply: "I can't sprain my ankle, I can't stub my toes, I can't get frostbite. That's what I can't do." ■

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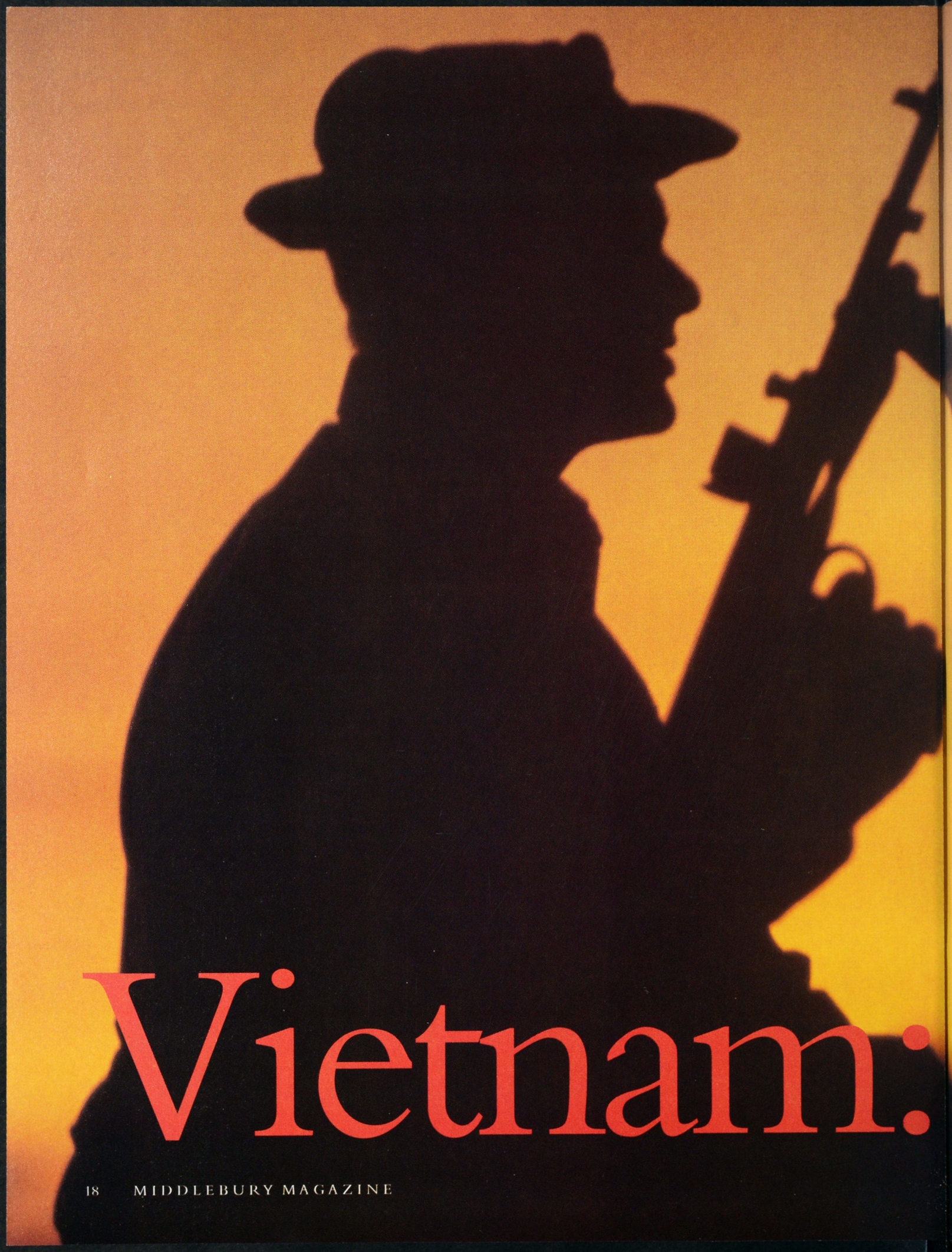

Vietnam:

As we were changed by the war, the children of that war are changing us

By Karl Lindholm '67

America was changed, irrevocably, by the Vietnam War. It defined a generation of young Americans—some protested and dodged the draft, others fought and died, but all were affected, some in tragic ways. At Middlebury ROTC was mandatory in the sixties. Between the years 1964 and 1968, approximately 400 young men from the College entered the military. Over 160 served in Vietnam. Six died.

What the war signified is open to debate. Regardless of how the history of the Vietnam War is written, whether it is Defense Secretary Robert McNamara's "tragic mistake," or President Ronald Reagan's "noble cause," one of the positive results of our involvement in Southeast Asia was that it brought many Vietnamese to America.

They arrived here by different routes. Some, like Hieu Nguyen '92 and Germaine Trong '94, began their journey during the frantic emigration triage as the Americans withdrew from Vietnam in April 1975. Others, later in that decade, came over the high seas in rickety boats. Binh Vo '96 was one of these "boat people," many of whom lost their lives in the desperate effort. One of the most powerful images of the end of that war for many Americans was the "babylift" of 1975, when 2,000 Vietnamese orphans were flown out of the country and into the arms of waiting American families. Kara Delahunt '97 was one of these babies who, at five months old, was adopted by Bill '63 and Katharina Delahunt.

Now young adults, these students and others like them are graduating from Middlebury and other colleges and moving on into adulthood, trying to understand their identity as Americans and their history as Vietnamese. Many are choosing to return to Vietnam, to study or to work, and are finding a country much changed from the one their parents fled.

For Vietnam itself is much changed, mindful of the "American War," yet keen to engage Americans and American interests in commercial alliances. David Rosenberg, the Vietnam expert on the Middlebury faculty, spent his sabbatical year in 1993 in Southeast Asia and encountered a Vietnam in the midst of great change. "After decades of war and grinding poverty," he says, "Vietnam is ready to take its place in the world's economy."

For those who know Vietnam only as a war, here are some portraits of the next generation. The life stories of these young people reflect this painful period in our history, and their achievements bring joy and distinction to the Middlebury community.

THE NEXT GENERATION

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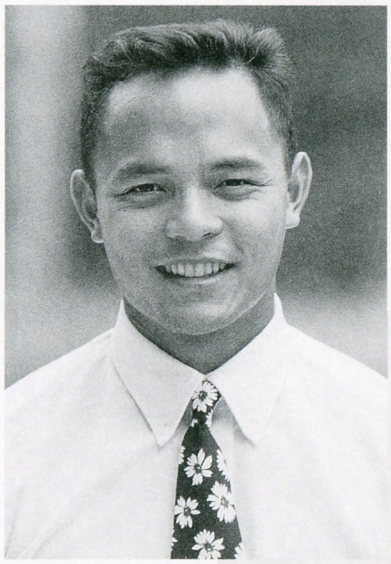
HIEU NGUYEN '92

He was big at Middlebury, bigger even than President McCardell. In the fall of 1994, Brainerd Commons "jailed" for charity famous local figures. It cost $50 to send President McCardell to jail; Hieu cost $100. Nobody else even came close.

Hieu's popularity was well-earned. As the assistant director of residential life, he was famous for his energy, concern, competence, and good will. He was also famous for his athletic accomplishments. While majoring in American civilization, he played varsity soccer and lacrosse, earning All-American honors as a goalie on some excellent Middlebury lacrosse teams. In the spring of 1994, he and his best Middlebury friend, Ted Leach '93, literally skated across America, from L.A. to Boston on roller blades, earning over $30,000 for cancer research.



Hieu's life story begins in 1969 in Dalat, Vietnam, a former French resort town in the highlands about 75 miles northwest of Saigon. He is the only child of a devoted mother. "I don't know who my dad is," he says. "I think probably he was an American or French soldier."

An All-American lacrosse player at Middlebury, Hieu Nguyen spent his early years in Dalat before escaping to America.

Hieu recalls the "craziness" of the departure from Vietnam and the journey to America: a week in Na Trang; a boat ride to Saigon; a month there; then the evacuation by airplane on April 27, 1975 (just two days before the Communists swept into Saigon); a month in a refugee camp in Guam; two months at Fort Chafee, Oklahoma, before heading to Glastonbury, Connecticut, with his mother and grandmother, sponsored by the Congregational Church.

"My mom had a lot of pride," he says. "We lived in the low-rent part of Glastonbury. She was fluent in French and English and got a job at a travel agency, which got us off welfare." With the encouragement of his mother, Hieu gravitated to sports. He was playing soccer by the third grade.

Another soccer parent took an interest in Hieu and suggested he attend a private high school, the Loomis Chaffee School. There, he played soccer, basketball, and lacrosse; was the vice president of his class; and earned an appointment to West Point, which he entered in the fall of 1988.

"I liked the challenge of West Point," Hieu says now. "I could handle the physical part, but something important was missing." He called Jim Grube, then Middlebury lacrosse coach, applied to Middlebury as a transfer student, and the rest is history. Hieu called Middlebury home for the past seven years. Recently, however, he left his position in the Dean of Students Office and hopes to return to his homeland. "I've never had a clear idea of my future," he says, "but now some things are coming into focus. I know I want to be in Vietnam."

Photograph, above left, by Erik Borg

GERMAINE TRONG '94

Difficult is how she would describe that semester in 1992, which she spent studying in Vietnam, a country she hadn't seen since she left at age three. Germaine was shocked by the "poverty and despair" of her homeland and inoculated herself as best she could by considering herself "just a student, a foreign student," doing research and going to class. Then one day, as she explains it, "This protective wall came crashing down around me.

" 'Anh Thi has been wanting to see you,' my aunt told me one afternoon. I climbed on the back of her motorbike, and we rode through the filthy back alleys of Saigon before finally stopping at a squalid shack. A young man of about 20 greeted us. '*Chao, Anh'* [Hello, brother]," I said, using the customary way of greeting an older male. After a few moments, the young man asked me, *'Emut'* (youngest sister), tell me, how is mother?' 'She is healthy, thank you,' I replied.

"Suddenly the meaning of the brief exchange struck me. *Emut* is a strictly familial title, a term of endearment between siblings. I became aware of the strange tension in the room, of the silence. Anh Thi looked at me and smiled nervously. He was malnourished and had rough dark skin and blackened teeth, but the similarities between us were undeniable," Germaine recalls. "I had his eyes; I had his smile. I glanced at him from over my glass, afraid to look at what so easily might have been my fate."

Eighteen years earlier Anh Thi, Germaine's older brother, was sleeping over at a friend's home, not knowing that his family would have but 10 minutes to flee the country that night. He was left behind.

"At that moment I realized why I had made the journey back to my homeland. At Middlebury I had prepared myself intellectually to return. But now I was finally confronting the land and people I had left behind. I don't know why I was the one who was able to escape and he wasn't. I'll never know what I lost by not growing up in my homeland," she says, "but I know what I gained living in America—the privilege of an education."

Rhodes Scholar Germaine Trong met the brother she never knew existed during her junior year of study in Saigon.

Germaine has made much of her opportunities. While in Vietnam on the School for International Training (SIT) Program, she completed an independent project on family planning, interviewing government officials, medical doctors, and social workers from national to local levels. "The most memorable part of the research," she adds, "was the three weeks I spent going from house to house along the city's backwater canals interviewing 60 women."

In her senior year, Germaine produced an honors thesis in sociology on contemporary U.S. refugee policy, graduated Phi Beta Kappa, and was one of 32 Americans awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. She is now in her third year at Magdalen College, Oxford, where she began studying comparative social research but switched to physiological sciences. She plans to apply to medical school.

Germaine's ultimate goals remain constant. She sees herself working with immigrant and refugee populations in the U.S.: " I remember when my family first arrived as refugees in America. I will never take for granted the kindness people showed us."

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Binh Vo was reunited with his grandmother during his junior year of study in Vietnam. Binh's fluent Vietnamese made him feel right at home.

BINH VO '96

"Even though I was only five years old," Binh Vo says, "I can still remember the night we escaped Vietnam vividly." He describes his family's terrifying boat trip—the first step on their journey to the U.S. They left during a tropical storm, "perfect for escape," Binh explains, "because the soldiers weren't expecting anyone to leave." Women and children boarded first, the men carrying the smallest children. Waves pounded the shore and rocked the frail boat. As families stealthily boarded, a baby girl was accidentally dropped by her father and not recovered.

"As we were leaving," Binh says, "the soldiers opened fire. Their boats were easily capable of catching us, but because the storm was so bad they didn't want to risk their lives. They thought we would perish at sea."

Binh, his family, and the others drifted at sea before an American helicopter spotted them. A Norwegian ship picked them up and took them to Singapore.

"We were very lucky not to be attacked by pirates. That was very common," he says.

After three months in a refugee camp in Singapore, they finally found sponsors. By December 1979, they were in the U.S., settling in Denver where they had relatives.

"We lived in the worst part of Denver," Binh explains. "My parents went to the local community college. My brother, sister, and I were often alone and had to take care of ourselves. We got beat up and called names. I struggled in school. I had no clue."

Binh's father, a high school math teacher in Vietnam, began a lawn service business in Denver, and the family's life got better. By fifth grade, Binh's English had improved to the point that he could succeed in school. He qualified for the prestigious International Baccalaureate program at a high school "across town" and applied to Middlebury at the suggestion of a friend. "I came to Middlebury," he says, "because it offered the best financial aid.

"Before college I had lost interest in Vietnam. Then I went to a lecture by Professor Rosenberg, and he sounded so optimistic. He said Vietnam was opening up. So I started reading about Vietnam on the Internet, and I took Asian politics with Professor Rosenberg. Then, I knew I really wanted to go back," he says.

Binh attended the SIT program in the fall of 1994. "I was surprised how comfortable I was right away in Ho Chi Minh City. The first day I walked the city talking to anybody—beggars, cyclo drivers, anybody. I practiced my Vietnamese all the time and eventually could pass for an ordinary Vietnamese." Binh was in Vietnam for both the 20th anniversary celebration of the liberation of the South ("a very big deal") and the normalization of relations with the United States. He was also the focus of a magazine article on American Vietnamese returning to Vietnam.

Binh graduated from Middlebury last May as an international politics and economics major. His goal is to return to Vietnam after training in business and finance in the U.S.

KARA DELAHUNT '97

The plane carrying Kara Delahunt from Saigon to her new home in the United States left on April 4, 1975. She was a part of Friends of All Children, a program organized in the tense months before the Communist takeover and the American evacuation to provide homes in the U.S. for 2,000 of Saigon's 25,000 orphans. Kara was on the operation's *second* flight. The first plane, a C5A transport, the world's biggest plane at the time, carrying 243 orphans and 62 adults, crashed just after takeoff, killing over 140 of the children. *Time* magazine called the deaths of these babies escaping a war zone "a tragedy of colossal proportions, . . . a ghastly symbol of the unending agony of Vietnam."

"Kara's mother and I were paralyzed," father Bill Delahunt says, recalling the events of that day. "We didn't know if Kara was on that first plane or not. There were delays and delays. Finally the babies were cleared to come to America." He describes the hours before they learned that Kara was on the next plane out as "searingly painful."

Nearly 18 years later, on a college visit to Washington, D.C., Bill took Kara to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. "I went to look up the name of a Middlebury fraternity brother, Rick Rosbeck '61, a helicopter pilot who died in Vietnam." While at the wall, he met a woman who was also paying respects to a friend, an Army nurse who died in the tragic crash of the orphan children. Bill then introduced her to Kara. "It was a poignant moment for all of us," he recalls.

Kara grew up in Quincy, just outside of Boston. "In a way," she says, "I denied my roots. My parents encouraged me to learn about Vietnam, but I was just an American kid. In Quincy, there were lots of Chinese and Vietnamese. We'd meet in the supermarket and they would talk to me in Vietnamese, but I couldn't answer. I felt no connection to the Asian community."

Her perspective began to change when she came to Middlebury. Attending the Pre-Enrollment Program (a three-week academic introduction to the College for students in August before their first year) really helped, Kara says. "It was the most diverse group of people I had ever been around."

Spending last year studying in Spain and Germany for her double major in the two languages also helped. Her travels further stimulated an interest in Vietnam. "I met people from all over the world, Asians and others, who had been to Vietnam. Now I think I'd like to go for a visit. I wonder, 'Do I have family there? Do I look like my brother?'" Her future plans include an M.A. in Spanish, a stint in the Peace Corps, and a career in teaching or international business.

Now, in the 1990s, these Middlebury students again bring Vietnam into our lives. They connect us to a vastly changed Vietnam. From the ashes of war, the bomb craters, and burned huts still so vivid in our recollections of the Vietnam War emerge these avatars of hope. ■

Karl L. Lindholm, a member of Middlebury's Class of 1967—on campus during the Vietnam War—now serves his alma mater as dean of advising and assistant professor of American literature and civilization.

Kara Delahunt was one of the babies airlifted from Saigon just prior to the evacuation in April 1975. She was adopted by Bill ('63) and Katharina Delahunt *(right, with sister Kirstin).*

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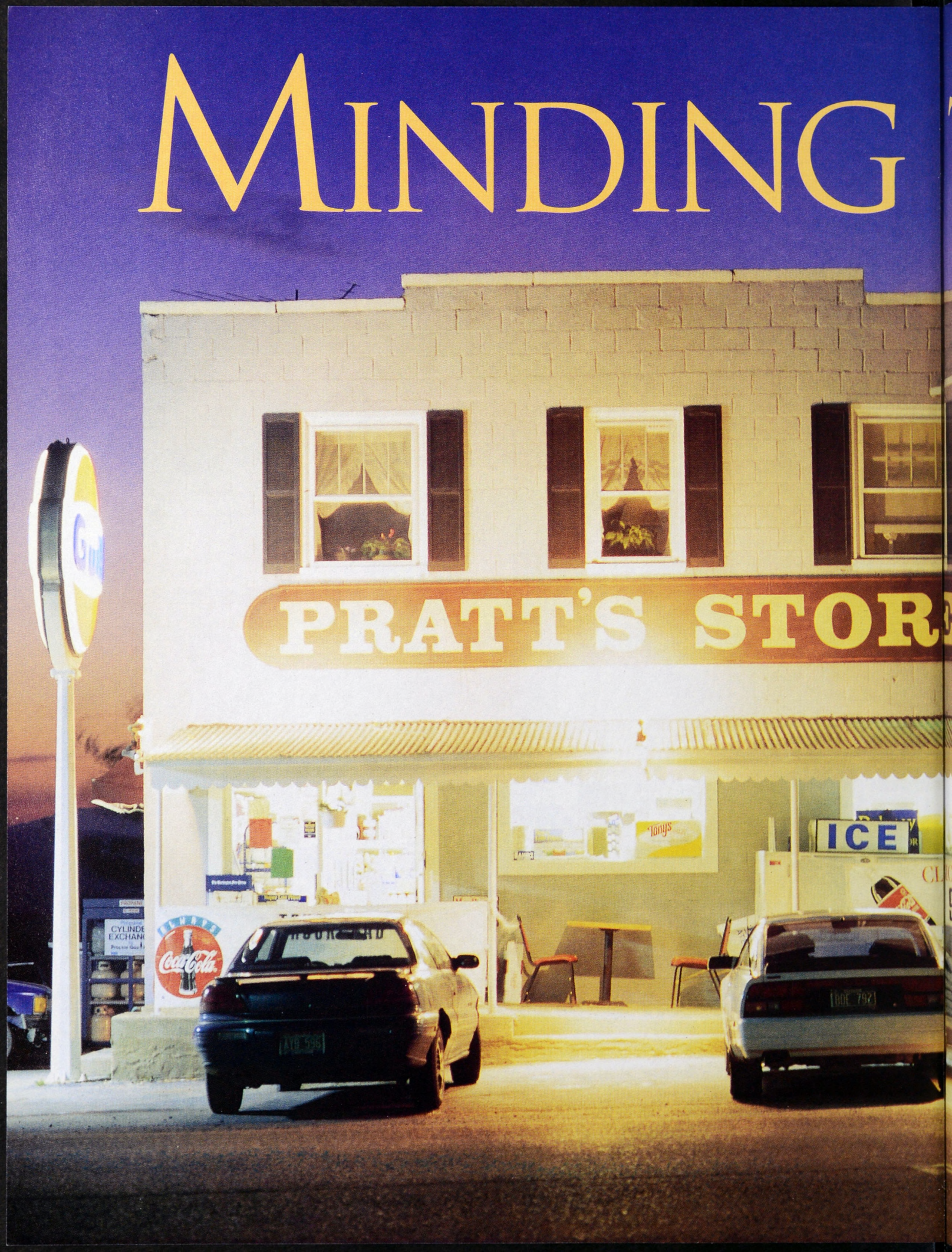

THE STORE

The heart of the small town adapts to changing times

By Don Mitchell

Climbing up the worn porch steps to enter a Vermont country store, one almost expects to find old men in flannel playing checkers by a cracker barrel. One wants to smell homemade pickles and cheddar cheese, see flecks of sawdust scud across an oiled hardwood floor. We bring with us such half-remembered icons of a past few people actually knew, but once inside the modern incarnation of these stores we're apt to find a cappuccino thermos, Holstein-styled coffee mugs, and assorted souvenirs. As well as maple syrup, Sheetrock nails, hip boots, shotgun shells. Does this odd array of goods suggest a kind of identity crisis? It should. And although the patrons of these stores can't help but find in them a warm connection to the past, a sense of fragility surrounds the current prospects for the country store as institution. Thoughtful patrons, then, ought to pay heed to the conservation of this valued resource.

My own weakness for country stores dates back over 20 years, to the time my wife and I rashly moved to New Haven, Vermont—just a stone's throw from Middlebury, where we'd heard there was a college—from the smoggy coast of southern California. Having duly registered as voters in this quiet, underpopulated town, we presented ourselves bright and early on election day only to find the Town Hall doors firmly shut. Crossing the street to the Village Green Market, we learned that the polls in our newly chosen home did not open until nine o'clock—that is, after farmers had completed their morning chores. Then, killing time on the porch of this country store, I glanced over a list of voters—all several hundred of them—stapled to a freshly painted bulletin board. Quaint. Our own names, though, had somehow failed to make the list.

Inside, we bought coffee and donuts and attempted to explain our situation to the storekeeper; he came out onto the porch and regarded where our names were supposed to be. How might this mistake be quickly rectified, I asked, in order that Cheryl and I could help elect George McGovern? "You're in luck," he told us, waving to the driver of a car that had just pulled in. "That's the town clerk."

"Morning," called a cheerful woman who had, several weeks before, registered us as voters. "See your names up there?"

"I'm afraid we don't."

Photograph by Alan Jakubek

The town clerk joined us in inspecting the list of polls. "Knew I'd forgotten something," she said, rummaging in her pocketbook to dig out a pencil. Ten seconds later our status as citizens had become truly official: we had made the list of voters on the front porch of our town's country store. Looking back, this homespun moment offered us a perfect introduction to political process in Vermont: low-tech, person-centered, trusting of each citizen's good will and integrity. Even in 1996, on election day we fill out paper ballots with dull lead pencils.

The Ripton store offers a cozy spot to shop or warm up by the wood stove.

And this highly public, quasi-official character of Vermont's country stores—also still alive and well—is consistent with a past in which their merchants often doubled as postmasters, notaries, justices of the peace. As Jane Beck '63, executive director of the Vermont Folklife Center, documents in her 1988 oral history *The General Store in Vermont,* these establishments were traditionally places for doing business, not just catching up on local news and obtaining groceries. Along with a scant few other small-town institutions—the church, the school, the town clerk's office—each general store functioned as a sort of nerve center for its surrounding community. And any local knowledge worth knowing was apt to be known by the person behind the counter.

Even today, although sometimes perceived as taciturn by unsuspecting visitors, native Vermont storekeepers are probably among the most gregarious of their compatriots; they represent that cohort of the population, after all, who could not tolerate the isolation and tedium of traditional rural life. They wanted to interact with people all day long, rather than attempt to converse with cows and farm machines. It's not surprising, then, that a storekeeper's knowledge of his neighbors' lives can be remarkably detailed, and his judgments of them shrewd. As a part-time farmer growing lambs and wool for local trade, I have both learned the names of prospective customers and been warned away from potential deadbeats in the course of freewheeling gossip in these country stores. Everybody has a well-established reputation, and the savvy local merchant is a low-tech data bank of credit risks and character references.

Storekeepers get to know their customers, too, by stocking an array of merchandise so comprehensive that it can solve strikingly idiosyncratic problems. The next time I came to truly value a country store was when I mired my tractor in a deep but inconspicuous mud hole on a Sunday evening, just a few years after getting registered to vote. The tractor, a well-rusted Ford, lay listing in an attitude resembling that of the doomed *Titanic*; only 30 yards away, though, stood a shagbark hickory that seemed well positioned to help with rescue efforts. I happened to own a generous length of braided steel cable, and a log chain, and a come-along . . . but what I did not own were two 5/8-inch wire rope clips and reinforcing thimbles so that I could fashion sturdy loops at either end of the cable, thus attaching it securely to the chain and the tractor.

I suppose the details of this messy business sound arcane, but they speak for a species of phenomenon that seems to happen often in my farming efforts. And so, at an hour and on a day when no farm store would be open, I raced to the Addison Four Corners Store, at the intersection of Routes 17 and 22A, where I had previously noted an impressive array of hardware. There, between the ammo counter and the shelves of canned goods, a teenage stock clerk helped me find precisely what I was in need of. *Desperate* need. And the fix only set me back a couple bucks, plus tax.

"Think you saved my neck," I gushed to an unimpressed woman behind the counter. "How can you afford to keep this kind of stuff in stock?"

She shrugged, as though to say it was her job to. Then she smiled.

Photograph by Alan Jakubek

"Maybe you'll come back."

And I have, many times over the intervening years. Because if one needs a P-trap or a 10-amp fuse or a machine bolt in a pinch—and in a big hurry—Addison Four Corners Store is just the place to go.

A third occasion when my respect for country stores suddenly took a quantum leap happened just a few years ago, when my teenage son and I were running low on provisions while hiking the Long Trail. Reaching Lincoln Gap, we hitched a ride off the mountain to replenish our backpacks at the Lincoln General Store, founded in 1843. "This may cost more than it should," I groused to Ethan. "Because little stores out in the boonies have a captive market."

Actually, though, the prices weren't far out of line—and there were even some surprising bargains. Cruising the eclectic collection of merchandise, I was surprised to find videotapes renting for less than at the stores I was accustomed to frequenting—and the Lincoln General Store had movies I had never heard of, such as *Seven Buck Kill Scenes* and *Fatal Whitetail Strategies.* Besides stocking up on groceries to extend our hike, I realized I was getting a free lesson in the sociology of life up in the hills.

But the kicker was that, as I stood waiting to pay, a man drove up on a tractor with a bucket loader filled with summer squash and ripe zucchinis. I nudged my son. "Watch this," I whispered. "Bet that old farmer's going to swap his vegetables for something else." Wrong again—the farmer said these vegetables were extras, and he wanted to *give* them to the store. And then the clerk refused, pointing to another pile of vegetables already stacked by the front door, underneath a sign marked *FREE.* "Got all we can use," she said—proving yet again that there are times when a person cannot give away zucchinis. And proving, too, that traditional country stores feel no compulsion to chase down the last dollar. There are times when serving friends and neighbors is reward enough.

But the country store is basically a 19th-century institution, and the great challenge to its ongoing existence, seen from this end of the 20th century, has been the steady triumph of the automobile and the ease of travel it affords. Country stores simply can't compete with their larger, more centrally located, corporate-owned cousins at offering either a wide array of merchandise or consistently attractive pricing—two huge determinants in each consumer's process of deciding where to shop. And so even loyal patrons of the country store—people

The man minding THE store

Lyman Orton '63 was figuratively, if not literally, born in a Vermont country store, selling penny candy as a child and sticking labels on stone-ground flours for his father, who founded the family business in 1946. The country store he grew up in was The Vermont Country Store of Weston, and it prospered, changing with the times—certainly—but also keeping intact its physical and mythical identity as the center of an old-fashioned New England town.

The alum joined the business right after graduation from Middlebury and during his tenure as corporate executive, this humble family enterprise has become a $50-million retail and mail order business, with stores in Weston and Rockingham, Vermont. Most important, the words *Vermont country store* for many now conjure up *THE* Vermont Country Store, Lyman's store in Weston. And for those who don't flock to this major commercial and tourist hot spot, there is the distinctive catalog—a studiously old-fashioned, black and white booklet—with its offers of bag balm and cotton underpants, country curtains and sharp Cheddar cheese. The catalog and the homey store in Weston symbolize to urban, suburban, and, yes, even modern rural dwellers, a kind of life that has effectively vanished from most of the United States.

Orton makes no apologies for the store that dispenses a strong dose of myth, along with its practical goods. "Myth is good. It's okay for Vermont to hold onto its myths and memories. Myths aren't falsehoods." He obviously feels the same about the old-fashioned values of community and service. He is known as an enlightened boss and reputedly can call by name all 300 of his employees. In addition, his might be the only business of its size actually closed on Sunday. He feels the little town of Weston deserves a rest from the breakneck shopping going on at his store all week.

Recently, when The Vermont Country Store celebrated its 50th anniversary with a community celebration, Orton announced a special program that pays tribute to the institution of the Vermont country store. The Orton family is offering a total of $20,000 to Vermont stores through the Preservation Trust of Vermont to help with repairs or expansions they could not otherwise afford. ■

—Susan Smallheer and Rachel Morton

who may stop in every day to get the newspaper, pick up bread and milk and eggs—still make a weekly supermarket run to buy their "real" groceries. If one breaks a shoelace, the country store may offer a nearby source for its replacement; when it's time to buy new boots, on the other hand, it usually pays to drive to town. One clear trend, suggests Jane Beck, is that "a lot of country stores have been forced into becoming convenience markets," offering a narrow and predictable range of goods rather than the potpourri of decades past.

And yet a remarkable number of these stores have managed to keep faith with their iconographic pasts. How? The answer is a pleasing irony: the automobile's triumph has functioned as a two-edged sword. Although modern roads and cars allow each store's local clientele to do their shopping elsewhere, these same roads bring in visitors looking not to stock the pantry but to experience, firsthand, an emblematic Vermont institution. Hence the current focus on a range of products that typical Vermonters have a limited demand for. How many wooden bowls, after all—or even gallon jugs of maple syrup—can any one person actually consume? But if a store's primary stream of traffic comes from out-of-state, in a steady caravan of autos filled with tourists shopping for memories, the merchandising possibilities can become intriguing.

Consequently, many country stores today seem caught in a schizophrenic effort to honor a past in which they performed certain crucial functions in small-town society, and a present in which their owners keep the business solvent by appealing to the shopping needs of customers who have no community ties whatsoever. Observant travelers can often gather clues from a store's exterior as to just how aggressively it courts the tourist dollar. Are the clapboards peeling and the shutters

At the end of the day, Buxton's general store in Orwell is a busy place.

Photograph by Alan Jakubek

sagging on their hinges, or is there bright paint and spiffy detailing? Do the signs advertise video rentals and lottery tickets, or chocolate truffles and maple fudge? The kind of reception that a "furriner" is apt to receive on entering a given country store can often be inferred from such information.

And strangers *do* often need to enter country stores that may not eagerly cater to the tourist trade; one of the oldest and most-valued functions of these stores is to give directions to lost travelers. Who, well off the beaten path, has not entered some sleepy-looking establishment for just this purpose, and been rewarded with a few gems of local knowledge delivered anecdotally and in a thick native accent? "Bear left at the five points—that's where Lathrop needs to brace his barn—and cross the old covered bridge. And then . . ." But if tourists perceive their interest in the survival of this travel advisory service, they need to respect an unspoken protocol: Buy Something. Every time. If only a candy bar, or a handful of postcards. Because although directions may be freely offered, at the end of the day a merchant needs money to pay his bills and stay in business. People who use these stores as free information kiosks generate ill will, and endanger precisely what they praise as picturesque.

In the best of circumstances, though, a modern country store can welcome and service the needs of all constituencies while still making appropriate reference to the cracker-barrel past. In Jane Beck's view, one shining example of the general store as "functioning anachronism"—manifestly useful in the present, and yet offering an ambiance that makes one feel lost in time—is the Ripton Country Store. The place is small, with barely one thousand square feet to work with. But even with space at an obvious premium, Beck points out that "a few years ago they moved the post office back inside the store. Residents stop in there every day to get their mail, they gather around the wood stove, and they talk." There are shelves of basic groceries, household goods, and video rentals—hallmarks of a store that serves a local clientele—and yet other counters offer "I've-been-to-Vermont" T-shirts, fancy homemade jellies, and the usual maple products wrapped up for the tourist trade. And everywhere are antique bottles, wooden skis, hunting trophies; the sensation is one of shopping in a cramped but fascinating museum.

These disparate uses of a store can coexist, Beck feels. "As long as the owners keep alive their connection to the surrounding community," the modern version of the country store can remain alive and well. In such happy circumstances, local folk well understand that storekeepers need to carry items for the tourist trade that may seem impractical and overpriced and trendy. These same merchants, for their part, are well aware that they cannot predicate a thriving business on such traffic by itself. And so the best of country stores, 1990s-style, offer an appealing warmth to all who step inside. Establishments that get this right are apt to have a long and useful future; they are also apt to have a lot to teach about preserving what Vermonters have come to value, while making it available for others to embrace. That's a charter worthy of a useful institution. ■

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At the Ripton Country Store you can mail a letter, fill your tank, buy some Vermont cheddar cheese or penny candy, rent a video, or just shoot the breeze.

Photograph by Bob Handelman

BROKEN HEARTS

by Richard M. Hodes '75, M.D.

"I tell you this story, love, because the lesson,
the human lesson, shines through its strange disguises
and there the principles of the dawn were grounded in me—
there my mind awoke to the sense of men as brothers."

Pablo Neruda, "The Water Song Ends"

Photograph by Ami Bergman

For several weeks now, I've spent most of my evenings surrounded by dying kids. Recently, I met a new American doctor who moved to Addis Ababa. After coffee at my house one evening, we drove off to Black Lion Hospital so he could see the state of the art of Ethiopian medicine, such as it is.

We headed to the main pediatric emergency room. Dedicated Ethiopian interns and residents have nicknamed it Beirut, for they consider it a constant disaster; they never know what will be brought in and never get any sleep when on duty. It is always crowded, always stuffy, and always active.

"Markos, how's your night going?" I asked a former student of mine, a resident in pediatrics. "It is okay," he replied, "two admissions, and many sick kids to consult on. We have no empty beds, so we put them in the tiny rooms off the emergency room." He walked down the stairs at the far left of the hospital and stepped into a poorly lit corridor. It held about 20 infants and children waiting to be seen, the babies resting in the arms of their mothers, who were seated on hard wooden benches. The silence was broken only by their coughing and their cries.

We walked down the corridor, which served as a waiting room, and opened a door to what could be a large, unventilated, walk-in closet. It held eight children, each with a parent. "Here we have two pneumonias, two meningitis, I think this one has TB," he said, pointing to a five-year-old boy coughing, "and the other two have diarrhea. I don't know about this one," he commented, pointing to a six-year-old girl.

In 1994, Dr. Hodes worked in refugee camps caring for survivors of the conflict between the Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda.

There was clearly a camaraderie among the parents in the room, who chatted informally with each other, shared food, and shared their miseries. "How long have you been here?" I asked the mother of a boy with meningitis in Amharic. "*Amist Ken*," five days, she said in a matter-of-fact fashion, without a touch of frustration or sadness.

The hospital is dirty, has leaking ceilings, broken windows, and smells like hell. The walls are covered with water stains, the paint is peeling, and the floor tiles are often missing. The piped-in oxygen died years ago.

I thought that after nearly a decade as a doctor in Africa I had seen everything, but immediately to my right was a four-year-old girl whose eyeballs had literally popped out of her head. They were extruding from what appeared to be underlying masses, grossly infected and filled with pus. Her father wore a Moslem head cover and sat on a chair, holding her hand and praying quietly. Her mother dozed on the floor. I asked the duty doctor what was going on. "She is a young Gurageh girl who came in from the countryside with retinoblastoma," he said. I had seen this rare eye tumor as a medical student in India, but never so far advanced.

We briefly looked at the other patients: dehydrated babies with diarrhea and shaved heads, attached to IV lines running into scalp veins, infants with pneumonia and meningitis, and young children with high fevers. The Ethiopian tolerance for suffering constantly amazes me. Without frustration or complaint, Ethiopians sit with quiet dignity for hours in hot, stuffy, and dirty hospital rooms, only to receive less than optimum care. I turned to my colleague and explained that this was a typical evening in the emergency ward. He shook his head in disbelief.

This is the main teaching hospital of Addis Ababa University. It was built in the 1970s by the Swiss, and run for the first couple of years as a Swiss hospital, with cleanliness and efficiency, piped-in oxygen to each bed, and European nursing supervisors. Patients were issued plastic cards when they registered and were able to get x-rays and arteriograms without difficulty.

It was originally named Prince Makonnen, Duke of Harrar, Hospital in memory of the son of Emperor Haile Selassie who died in an auto accident. After Haile Selassie was overthrown, all references to his ubiquitous presence were eliminated, and the name was changed to *Tikur Anbessa* Hospital, or Black Lion. The lion is one of the symbols of Ethiopia, and the Black Lions were a band of Ethiopians who fought the Italians during their occupation of the country in the late 1930s. Ethiopians now have made an Amharic pun out of the name, removing the '*n*' in *Anbessa* and changing it to *Tikur Abessa*, or the Black Disaster.

Physically, the hospital is falling apart. It is dirty, has leaking ceilings, broken windows, and smells like hell. The walls are covered with water stains, the paint is peeling, and the floor tiles are often missing. The piped-in oxygen died years ago. Some faucets have not worked for years, others run permanently. At times the entire building has no

water. In fact, during the cholera epidemic that hit Addis Ababa in the mid-1980s, there were times when the only water in the neighborhood was in the fountains in front of the hospital, built by the North Koreans for the 10th anniversary of dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam's revolution.

I spotted a nurse friend and asked her if there were any interesting cases to see. "Oh yes," she replied. "You're a cardiologist, you'll be interested in Bewoket. He tells us he walked to Addis Ababa from Gojjam Province, about 300 kilometers away."

She led us into a room with nine beds, each occupied by a child. I looked over at Bewoket, a boy who looked about 12, wearing a torn hospital gown and an Orthodox cross. He was sitting straight up, attached to a tall oxygen cylinder, breathing rapidly. There are no face masks for oxygen delivery, so a piece of used IV tubing was taped to the oxygen valve on one end, and then taped into one nostril. He was in obvious distress and appeared to be chronically ill.

"He has rheumatic heart disease," the nurse explained. "I don't know which valves are involved, but he has very bad valves . . . and a very bad x-ray." She reached over and took the x-ray from his rusting metal bedside stand. I held it up to the light and saw that his heart took up at least 75 percent of his chest, far more than the upper limit of normal, which is about half. He was clearly in severe heart failure.

As a medical student in New York, I had a lot of training in American cardiology—ischemic heart disease (heart attacks and angina) and hypertension. I learned about rheumatic fever as one of the many possible diseases of the heart and had seen all of two cases. As a resident in internal medicine in Baltimore, I never saw a case.

When I arrived in Addis Ababa in the mid-1980s to teach on the medical faculty, I was assigned the job of running the cardiac clinic, lecturing the students about heart disease, and consulting on cardiac cases on the wards. I was challenged with a new spectrum of disease with which I had little experience. I went back to the textbooks every night to read about what I saw on the wards, and within a couple of months I could successfully diagnose most patients using only my hands and my stethoscope.

In Ethiopia, echo machines are very rare, and one practices middle-of-the-century medicine, relying only on the stethoscope and what lies in between its ear pieces. A good doctor here will listen, percuss, and palpate. He will have the patient sit forward and listen to the heart at several points on the chest, and then lie on his left side and listen again. He will feel for the vibratory "thrill" of a heart murmur, the collapsing pulse and "pistol shots" over the arteries in aortic regurgitation and the transmitted vibrations of aortic stenosis radiating into the carotid arteries of the neck.

After repeated illnesses, Bewoket's parents decided he should stay home and die. Determined to be treated, he walked 300 kms. to the hospital.

Many American physicians have lost their ability to perform detailed physical examinations and rely on technology, such as echocardiograms, to diagnose valvular lesions and other abnormalities. I encouragingly tell Ethiopian students that they have the opportunity to become much better clinicians than American students, for they are forced to use their eyes, nose, and hands to arrive at a diagnosis. For Americans these may be overlooked or cursory steps on the way to ordering tests. "Don't be controlled by technology," I would tell my students. "Use your brains, figure out what's going on."

I thought of this as my colleague and I stood at Bewoket's bedside this Tuesday evening. "How long has he been ill?" I asked. "Five or six years," the nurse replied. "He was hospitalized a couple of times in Gojjam and it helped a lot, but this time he got sick and his family decided he should stay home and die. He tells us he walked to Addis Ababa instead." I found it difficult to believe that a boy who could barely sit up in bed could walk 300 kilometers to the capital.

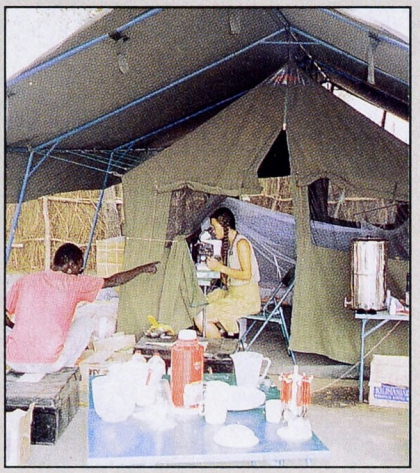
He told me later that he had collected food that had fallen onto the sides of the road, and resold it to passersby. He was determined to be treated. It took him two months to save 16 birr ($2.50). He paid two birr to ride on the top of a truck for two hours to a bus station. At the bus station he learned that the bus to Addis Ababa cost 18 birr. However, someone took pity on him and agreed to sell him a ticket for 14 birr. He rode for two days, without any food. At night he slept on the dirt floor of a "hotel" room, for which he paid his last half birr (7 cents). He arrived in Addis Ababa hungry, penniless, and knowing nobody.

Seven Years in Sudan

By Sean Stitham, M.D.

"A goat? For dinner? For me? Really? You shouldn't have."

Jill Seaman '74, a strict vegetarian, has just been presented a young goat by a grateful Nuer patient. Since 1989, she's been working in southern Sudan, about 10 degrees north of the equator, as a physician affiliated with the Dutch relief organization Doctors Without Borders. She's been doing her best to assist the two tribes that live here, who are being ravaged by disease, famine, and warfare.



These tribes, the Nuer and the Dinka, live in the flat, arid lands of south Sudan. These Christian cow herders are fighting the majority Muslim government in Khartoum over the imposition of Muslim law, but this dispute is complicated by the oil and water resources the south possesses. Unfortunately, these tribes are also fighting each other, so Jill's service in the country is dangerous, as well as difficult.

Originally from Moscow, Idaho, Jill received her M.D. from the University of Washington in Seattle in 1979, then spent six years working with Yup-ik Eskimos in southwest Alaska at the Yukon-Kuskokwin Delta Hospital. She finished her family practice training in Salinas, California, working largely with Hispanic farm workers. After a course at the London School of Tropical Medicine, she arrived in Sudan in 1989, and she's been here ever since.

I worked as a doctor with Jill in Alaska and have come for a visit to see her and help out a bit. The clinic is primitive, to say the least: a series of mud huts and a tent surrounded by a reed fence keeps out the roaming cattle but gives little privacy from the curious Sudanese, who stand and watch the white lady doctor as she goes about her professional and personal life.

People needing medical attention get it lying on a grass mat in front of all the 50 or so other waiting patients. "Outpatient" clinics are held every afternoon under the shadiest tree in the area. Folding chairs and a folding desk are carried out by the local children, along with a trunk of basic medicines. The patients flock around Jill, who speaks Nuer, and who listens sympathetically but tries to keep the traffic moving.

Jill's patients suffer from many diseases—malaria, TB, brucellosis, periodic malnutrition, and epidemics of meningitis. But most deadly is *kala azar*—visceral leishmaniases—caused by a parasite transmitted by sand flies. During one of the episodic epidemics of leishmaniases, 50-75 percent of the people die.

People with leishmaniases develop fever, enlarged spleens, and severe weight loss, and they die within a few months. Jill has become one of the world's experts on the disease, particularly in treating large numbers of patients with no hospitals, electricity, or running water. Her work has earned her an award from the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. She's also written a number of articles and was most recently published in *Annals of Internal Medicine* (April 1, 1996).

Jill deals with more than *kala azar.* Often at night someone comes asking for her to travel to a mud hut to see a woman who is bleeding heavily after a delivery, or a victim of a snake bite, or a child with leprosy. She also gives talks twice a week on how to get pregnant, since a woman without a child is without status in Sudan and such a woman's husband frequently takes another wife. Perhaps most important, Jill has trained a number of Sudanese men as medics and nurses. They can give injections and draw blood; some can read slides for parasites, and in general help educate others about disease prevention.

After holding clinic, night has fallen, so Jill lights candles and eats dinner (canned tins heated over a kerosene burner) while batting flies away. She showers every evening by pouring a bucket of river water over her head. There is daily radio contact with headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, to discuss necessary shipments of food or medicine and to help with security or evacuation during those times when fighting breaks out too close to camp. Once when soldiers came into the village, burned huts, and killed some of the locally trained nurses, Jill survived by crouching in her tent and hiding.

While the night is very beautiful with brilliant stars, Jill retires early under her mosquito net. She will be up at 5 a.m., just as dawn is breaking, to review slides under her microscope.

On Sunday, we visit a neighboring village across the river. A small dugout canoe is available for the trip. A true gentleman would have given his place to the lady, but Jill let me avoid wading through muddy water (harboring unimaginable horrors, to my mind). I perched precariously in the narrow leaky boat, while Jill laughed at me and waded—up to her neck—with clothes held on top of her head. On the other side, African eagles perched in the trees, and Jill pointed out where hippos come to feed at dusk.

It is extraordinary for a westerner to live under these conditions for even six months, let alone the seven years Jill has stayed. She has great devotion to the Sudanese and great compassion for their suffering, and she serves as an eloquent witness on behalf of the international community. Gifts of spears, baskets, and even goats are well deserved—even if the goat did end up being eaten by me. ■

Sean Stitham, a physician in Seattle, Washington, is the youngest brother of Susan Stitham '65.

NGOs (nongovernmental agencies) like the American Joint Distribution Committee send medical teams to refugee camps to dispense emergency care.

Luckily, someone at the bus station saw him and brought him to the Black Lion Hospital.

I borrowed a stethoscope, and briefly listened to his heart and lungs. "To me," I said, "the problem is all in the mitral valve." From my exam, it was obvious that he needed aggressive treatment. I checked his bedside chart: he was getting a variety of tablets: digoxin (which strengthens contraction of the heart and slows the heart), quinidine (to correct the abnormal heart rhythm), lasix (diuretic, or water pill to get rid of excess fluid), and anti-acids. "He is on the wrong drugs at the wrong doses and the wrong method of administration," I thought to myself.

I decided to start off slow so as not to antagonize the local doctors. I asked the nurse to pass on my thoughts about the case and decided, if there was no change, I'd try another course. A couple of nights later Bewoket looked even worse. His neighbors reported that he had not eaten anything all day and he was breathing more rapidly. He was coughing up blood-streaked sputum, a sign of pulmonary edema, fluid in the lungs.

I was afraid that he would not live through the night, and so I tracked down the doctor on duty, and suggested that he be put on IV lasix to help his kidneys rapidly excrete the extra fluid in his body. "What is he on now?" he asked. "Oral lasix," I answered. I purposely did not report the dose, because I was afraid it would prejudice him regarding my proposed dose of IV drug. "What dose?" He asked. "20 mg," I reported truthfully, followed by, "It's far too little."

"Okay, but there is no IV lasix in the hospital," he replied. "Give me 15 minutes," I said, "I'll go out and get some."

I drove back to the hospital and delivered the medicine, having persuaded the attending physician to increase the dosage, and the next day I typed a politely worded memo to his physicians with advice on how to care for Bewoket. In this country, consulting physicians are not accorded the respect they are in America; I felt that I was invading their territory and had to offer my opinions very diplomatically. In Bewoket's case, the doctors accepted my intervention to a certain degree.

This was a turning point, and every day after that Bewoket was at least slightly better. His appetite improved a bit. I visited him daily. This was the high point of the day, not only for him, but for others in the room as well. As I walked in, someone would say in a loud voice, ""Bewoket, your father is here." I would walk over and shake his hand, then place my hand on his shoulder.

I would ask about his health, and then always do something to try to make him laugh and lift his spirits. On my way out, I'd return to Bewoket, gently "slap him 10" and briefly pray for his recovery.

I left the country for a month and when I returned found that Bewoket had been sent out to Mother Theresa's Mission in the north of the city. Bewoket was depressed, not eating, and very unhappy. He told me he wanted to move to my house.

One afternoon he escaped and found me as I was making hospital rounds. I took him home and he slept on cushions on my living room floor. The following day we made a deal: He would return to the mission, but once a week he could sleep at my home.

A few days later I was told that Bewoket had been admitted to the emergency room for diarrhea patients. He was severely dehydrated, writhing in bloody dysentery. He was given IV fluids and antibiotics. Two days later he was a bit better, back in the mission, but still dehydrated and not eating well. "Drink your ORS (rehydration solution)," I encouraged him, "so that you can get stronger. Then you can visit me at home."

Last Friday I strode into the mission. Bewoket had been back there for several days, but he was in bad shape, lying in bed, depressed, and refusing to eat. A nun from Slovakia said to me, "Doctor, he is in deep depression. He will not eat anything. We are putting in a feeding tube through his nose. He is 12 years old and weighs 24 kilos [53 pounds]. We are fighting for his life. Doctor, you made a big mistake, you attached yourself to him so much, he won't live without you. You must do something."

I'm not convinced that I made a mistake, but I felt obligated to help, so on Saturday I violated the Sabbath rest by driving across town to pick up Bewoket. He was too weak to step up into my car, so I lifted him and placed him in the front seat. He spent the day at my house. As soon as he arrived he was a different person, still incontinent and having dysentery, but he sat up, he ate, he smiled, he walked around a bit and played with my dogs. I told him that if he eats well on Sunday at the mission, he could spend Monday at my home.

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What hope do these kids have? In this country, where the health budget is about half a dollar per person, less than half the population has any access to Western health care, and the prospects for controlling the streptococcus and many other diseases are low, it is likely that things will continue as is at least for the next decade or two. It will be years or decades before real changes occur. I send a handful abroad for heart surgery at no cost each year, but there are dozens left behind for every one I or others manage to send. Nonetheless, I continue my small works, for, as the Talmud says, "To save a single human life, is to save an entire world."

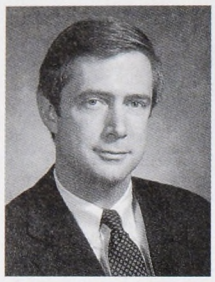
Zerihun had the bed next to Bewoket in the hospital. "Hodes," Zerihun said to me today with tears in his eyes. "I am 16. I've been sick like this for six years. Now I can't even get out of bed. Can't you do something for me?" Like Bewoket, it is far too late for Zerihun to be cured by surgery. Zerihun's suffering was also my suffering. It was painful for me to look into his eyes. I grieved, not so much because he would die young, but because he was robbed of life while he was alive, that he had few joys to balance his sorrows.

Life for these young cardiac patients is a bit like Woody Allen's description of two cranky women sitting in a restaurant. One says, "The food in this restaurant is terrible." The other adds, "Yes, and the portions are so small!" Pain and suffering, then death at an early age.

I held his hand and we sat together quietly. I wiped a tear from his eye and then from mine, and simply said, "Aizo," which means, "Be brave, do not fear." I was speaking to myself as well. I wondered, "Do things simply happen at random on this planet? Does God really want these kids to suffer like this? Is it simply chance that they are impoverished Ethiopians stranded in a filthy hospital and I am middle-class American with health insurance?"

I have no answers, but took some solace from Peter Matthiessen's statement in *The Snow Leopard*: "The absurdity of a life that may well end before one understands it, does not relieve one from the duty (to that self which is inseparable from others) to live it as bravely and generously as possible." ■

Rick Hodes works in Ethiopia for the New York-based American Joint Distribution Committee.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by John M. McCardell, Jr.

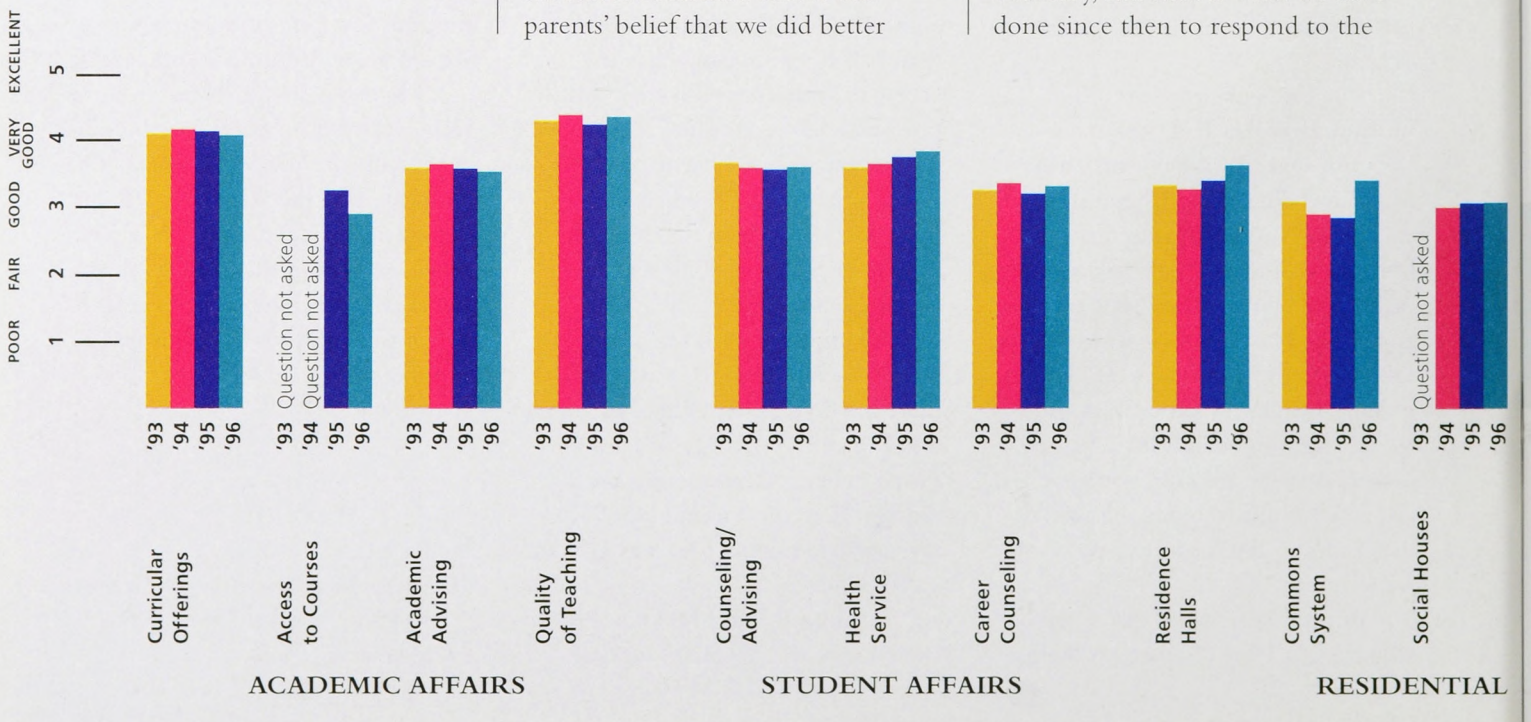
THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE PARENTS' SURVEY

Middlebury tries to teach its students the notion of personal accountability. Part of this teaching is done by example. The College holds itself accountable—for the academic program, student life, and facilities we make available. This accountability extends primarily to our students, but also to their parents, and to the highest standards of liberal arts education.

In each of the last four years, in an effort to assess how well we are doing, we have sent a questionnaire to each student's parents. We have asked our parents to rate us in various areas. We take the results very seriously, and we have taken specific actions in response to concerns expressed through this survey. I am reporting here on the results of last December's Parents' Survey. Parents have received this information in a different form, but all our Middlebury constituencies—alumni and friends, faculty and staff, as well as the students and their parents—are interested in how we are doing today.

The annual Parents' Survey looks at five areas of the Middlebury experience as perceived by the mothers and fathers of current students: academic affairs, student affairs, residential life, co-curricular activities, and parent services. Parents grade us on a scale from 1 to 5: 1 poor, 2 fair, 3 good, 4 very good, and 5 excellent. In all five areas in 1995-96 we scored "good plus" or better, rating "very good" or better twice. All scores combined reflect our parents' belief that we did better overall last year than the previous year and better than we did four years ago, when we began the Parents' Survey; in fact, our parents say the Middlebury experience rated a "very good minus" (3.74) last year. In four of the five areas parents say the same thing: that we did better than the previous year and better than four years ago.

Four out of five is not what we had in mind. So, we focused on the problem area, where the picture is least rosy. The worst score in 1995-96 (2.96—just less than "good") relates to access to courses. The difficulty is most pronounced for the Class of 1999, our entering class for the parents surveyed; it is incrementally better for each more advanced class. We compiled these results last February, and here is what we have done since then to respond to the



problem of course access and to parents' concerns about it:

1. Five faculty positions were added in 1996-97 to address enrollment pressures.

2. Middlebury Automated Registration System (MARS)—registering by computer, with no lines and much less stress—is now in place and should help significantly in accommodating more students with their preferred class choices. The reaction in the student newspaper, *The Campus* (9/25/96 issue), indicates the College is on the right track; the headline reads: "Automatic registration offers relief." Students see the improvement this technology makes possible; we hope their parents will hear about it and that responses to our parents' survey at the end of this year will reflect that improvement. If not, we'll try again, and harder.

Also, please note that we have been surveying "access to courses" for only the last two years. When we learned this was a problem, we brought it out in the open to quantify our progress or lack of progress. And we have responded with two significant steps to improve the situation.

Another area matters a great deal to us and looked ripe for improvement among parents' previous survey responses. You will hear often when you come visit or read various College publications about the "peaks"—Middlebury's traditional and emerging strengths as an institution of higher education and where it is concentrating its efforts. We are interested in the futures of our students, their positions in the "real world." We think they have important roles to play in leading not only our country, but our world in the next century, and we want to help them find those positions. This area translates onto the Parents' Survey as "career counseling." It rates between "good" and "very good" for all classes; in the breakdown for individual classes—i.e., the data revealing what the parents of our first-year students, our sophomores, our juniors, and our seniors think, which we also quantify separately—this service is perceived as progressively slightly less helpful as the students come closer to graduation, to having to find real jobs in the real world. In response to this implied expression of concern, we have undertaken a reorganization of the Career Planning and Placement Office and have begun an extensive search to find an executive director to lead this important function for Middlebury. We hope to deserve higher marks in the future for the assistance we can give our students' careers.

Our very highest score in 1996—4.30 or "very good plus"—is earned for the quality of our teaching. This is the heart of our mission at Middlebury and is the single most important number to me. Our faculty set the intellectual tone on campus and our parents believe, as our students and I do, that they are doing very well, indeed. Our faculty members are committed to the pace, rhythm, and expectations of the residential liberal arts college, and I am prouder of their quality and dedication than of any other aspect of Middlebury today. Their efforts in the classrooms and laboratories, as well as in many interactions outside those formal student/teacher encounters, are outstanding. In the *U.S. News & World Report* issue of September 16, 1996—the academic equivalent of the swimsuit issue, when colleges are ranked according to various criteria—our academic reputation jumped up seven places.

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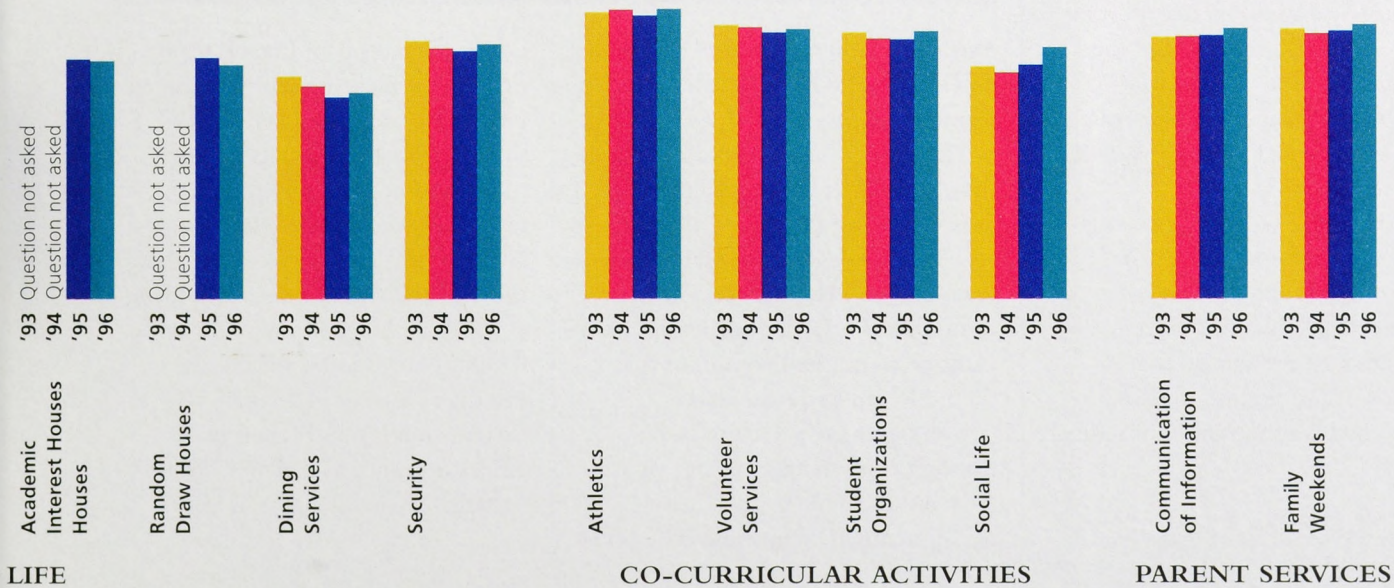

by Cynthia Baughman

VITAL CONNECTIONS: BODY AND MIND

Becoming a Physician
by Thomas Neville Bonner '45
(New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995)

This readable scholarly book presents a cross-cultural comparison of medical education over a period of two centuries. Thomas Neville Bonner examines theory vs. hands-on apprenticeships; various kinds of medical schools; the involvement of national governments in medical education; the role of students in their own education; the effect of changes in scientific knowledge and medical effectiveness; issues of social class, age, race, and gender; teaching hospitals vs. clinics; curriculum changes, including the importance of laboratory teaching; the effects of nonmedical developments, such as the Enlightenment and the Industrial Revolution; and reform movements. The author looks at these factors in the history of medical education in Britain, France, Germany, and the United States from 1750 to 1945.

Professor Bonner, whose college years were affected by World War II, did not finish his degree at Middlebury. He went on, nevertheless, to a distinguished career in education, including positions as provost and president of several universities. At present he is a professor of history and higher education at Wayne State University.

Illustration by Charlie Higgins

Face Value: Physiognomical Thought and the Legible Body in Marivaux, Lavater, Balzac, Gautier, and Zola
by Christopher Rivers, M.A. French '84
(Madison, Wis.: University of Wisconsin Press, 1995)

This work examines the importance of body language in selected examples of French 18th- and 19th-century literature. The notion that the body can be read—that a person's essence is decipherable through clues in appearance—has been around at least since early Mesopotamian civilization. The book is full of excerpts in French from novels in which the looks of characters reveal or camouflage aspects of their personalities that contribute to plot. At some level physical characteristics, because they come from God, are given more credence than other characteristics, such as conversation, which depend on man alone. Christopher Rivers, who teaches French at Mount Holyoke College, earned an M.A. in French in 1984 and also studied German at the Middlebury Language Schools.

A Mother's Circle
by Jean Kunhardt, Lisa Spiegel, and Sandra Kunhardt Basile '79
(New York: Avon Books, 1996)

For new mothers who could use a support group in a book, *A Mother's Circle: Wisdom and Reassurance from Other Mothers on Your First Year with Baby* may provide the answer. Two of the authors operate a parent counseling practice, while Sandra Kunhardt Basile, an art major while at Middlebury, has previously written for television on family and health issues. This book explores the lives of nine women as they discuss their new worlds, occasioned by their new babies, and together learn how best to cope with feeding, sleeping, work, and husbands, among other challenges.

Conversations with My Healers
by Cynthia Feindel Ploski '54
(Tulsa, Okla.: Council Oak Publishing, 1995)

Appropriately, Cynthia Feindel Ploski '54 was a geography major. Her book explores terrain new to her a few years ago and probably new to many of her readers with whom she shares her journey to wellness from breast cancer. The author and artist does not advocate a particular treatment; rather, she used a combination of conventional therapies (surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation) and less traditional kinds of healing (acupuncture, herbal medicine, aroma therapy, faith healing by laying on of hands of a shaman, nutrition, and counseling). She removes the fear of the unknown by explaining what happens in each kind of treatment and underscores the importance of each person's taking personal responsibility for her or his own healing. In a time when one in three people will get some kind of cancer, this book reveals a range of possibilities for handling the disease and the emotions that accompany it.

Living the Dream: My Life and Basketball
by Hakeem Olajuwon with Peter Knobler '68
(New York: Little, Brown & Co., 1996)

English major Peter Knobler '68 helps basketball superstar Hakeem Olajuwon articulate the major events of his 33 years. Most of them involve basketball: specific, precisely remembered games; teammates, coaches, and competitors; matchups, rivalries, and arenas. The book reveals the Houston Rockets' star's confidence: ". . . if I call for the ball and get it where I want it . . . most likely I will score"; his opinion of Michael Jordan: "If he were an animal in the jungle, Michael Jordan could lie out on the biggest rock and no one would disturb him"; and a few surprises: "I love decorating." From his native Nigeria, where he began playing his sport at age 17 wearing shoes three sizes too small because no size 16s existed in that country, to his starring role in the NBA, Olajuwon recounts his experiences along the way. Islam features importantly, on the court ("I prayed to Allah for support, guidance, and victory as if I was going into battle") and in his dealings with others, such as Mike Tyson, whom he visited in prison, making the boxer cry. Knobler's writing career has included collaborations on several "autobiographies," such as those of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and former Texas Governor Ann Richards. ■

AND ALSO

Underwater Archaeology Proceedings from the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference
Edited by Paul Forsythe Johnston '72
(Tucson, Ariz.: The Society for Historical Archaeology, 1995)

Part of what is especially interesting in working on this alumni publication is glimpsing what Middlebury alumni do. Paul Forsythe Johnston '72, an English major at Middlebury, is now curator of maritime history at the National Museum of American History of the Smithsonian Institution. In other words, an important part of Dr. Johnston's work involves two of the most romantic aspects of history: shipwrecks and treasure hunting.

In this book edited by Johnston, 33 papers, including 11 dealing with foreign sites or issues (Middlebury's international perspective rises again), are presented, covering a wide range of topics. Some of the titles include "CSS *Raleigh:* The History and Archaeology of a Confederate Ironclad in the Cape Fear River" by Martin DeBerniere Peebles; "Olive Pits, Rat Bones, and Leather Shoe Soles: A Preliminary Report on the Organic Remains from the Emanuel Point Shipwreck, Pensacola, Florida," by John R. Bratten; and "Continuity and Change in Dutch Boat Building" by Robert S. Neyland. Black-and-white photographs and handsome line drawings of ships or their remains, maps and site plans for excavations illustrate many of the texts.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Frederick M. Meek (Amy Hunt), Box 447, Kennebunkport, ME 04046; 207/967-2440.*

Marion Janes McIntosh writes, "I do look forward to going out to the Botanic Gardens which the Horticultural Society sponsors. They planted 1,700 bulbs last fall so it should be a beautiful sight. My only exercise is going up and down stairs every day." She adds that "we must purchase the second book about Middlebury that includes our years at Middlebury." The title is *The Strength of the Hills: 1915-1990.* We must each procure a copy. I shall put that on my "gimme list!" ■ A note from **Jesse Veit** says she enjoys going out shopping in the special bus and also enjoys the many activities her retirement home offers. She adds that she walks with a cane now. And I add: "Are there any of us who don't?" If there are, let your secretary know so she can put it in our next bulletin! ■ **Carolyn Griffith Tarbell**'s niece, who accompanied Carolyn to our reunion, writes that Carolyn now has to have 24-hour care as she battles cancer. It seems such a short time ago that Carolyn and I stood for a picture with our president at our 70th anniversary dinner at his home. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Carolyn. ■ Our thanks to Kathie Allen for writing to inform us of the death of her father, **Rollin Crane**, last September. We send the sympathy of the class to her and all of Rollin's family. ■ We must also report the death of **Helen Taylor Cullen** on May 29. Our condolences to son James and the family. Memorials for Helen and Rollin appeared in the summer issue.

1925

Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

We regret to report the deaths of two of our classmates, **Arthur H. Bulbulian** and **Olivet M. Beckwith**. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretary: *Lindley W. Robinson, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301.*

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REUNION CLASS

Please send your news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, *Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We regret to report the death of **Joseph L. Finnegan** on August 5, 1996. We send the condolences of the class to his daughters, Betsy Rossey and Mary Leitner, and to all the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1928

Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

Congratulations to our 13 classmates, who will have celebrated their 90th birthdays before 1996 becomes history. Just imagine all those cakes! It's better to think of family gatherings or the chance to be with special friends. These birthdays reminded me that our 70th reunion is just two years away. Getting to the chapel may be a real challenge, but we will find a way to mark that important 128th Commencement. I still have the booklet with Prexy Moody's Sunday, June 17, 1928, Baccalaureate sermon and Michael Pupin's commencement address, delivered in the Congregational Church on Monday, June 18, 1928. "Making Life Worth Living" was his theme. Getting back to 1996, **Helen Revere Hatch** and her son went to Costa Rica, their favorite vacation spot. At home, she serves as parliamentarian of the Venice, FL, Woman's Club. She was also awaiting a church committee appointment and is active in opera benefits. She was arranging flowers for such an event on the day I spoke with her. She planned a low-key celebration of her 90th birthday. ■ **Zella Cole Hibbert** may be a 70th Reunion recruit. She finds Essex Meadows pleasant and is happy to have family members nearby. ■ **Lib Stoughton Westfall** sends greetings from Greenfield, MA. She appreciates van transportation (as I do) and, even more, her son's grocery shopping help. She and Arthur find having family near a joy. ■ Our thanks to **Eunice Smith Williams** for sending a nice note. She informs us that her most recent contact with the College was a get-together with the president two years ago. "I am now 90 and live with three other women in a home. A fine place to be!" We are sorry to hear that she is nearly blind and we all wish her well. ■ You may remember that I dreaded the prospect of construction in my backyard. I confess that I was not calm during the site clearing period, as sections of huge pine trees were being maneuvered. However, the beautiful brick library addition is completed and ready to be dedicated. I have survived to help market a Concord afghan, designed by and for our West Concord Woman's Club as a scholarship benefit project. It may help a future Midd student. You will note that the magazine has a new address at Hathaway House. Please keep in touch.

1929

Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

I have always thought of Bert Nylen '30 as a member of the 1929 class, but his obituary says 1930—and perhaps explains the discrepancy. It says that Bert "worked his way through school by operating a loom in a silk mill, working 64-hour weeks for eight summers" (must have started in high school!) and also during "what would have been his junior year in college," plus "managing a campus laundry with a friend." I don't remember the laundry (shirts were not laundered frequently in those days), but I do remember Bert as a super scholar and lots of fun. He worked for DuPont for 32 years (moving 18 times in the process!). His late wife, Helen Jamison

Nylen, was also a DuPont employee. He had a big hand in the Manhattan Project during World War II and, as a lifelong activist for the welfare of children, was founder of the Delaware Association for Handicapped Children. ■ Another 1929 notable (no doubt in this case) was **Henry E. Hunt**, who died on May 9 of this year, after a long career of teaching (Newport High School; Hebron Academy; Cushing Academy) and coaching (skiing and track, especially). At Middlebury he was captain of the skiing team. His wife, Estelle, wrote to me that next to her, Henry loved Middlebury, as I know he did. ■ **Ruth Bly Illingsworth** reports the death of her husband, Reginald, on November 20, 1994. ■ I must also report the death on June 23, 1996, of my wife, Estelle, after a long struggle with a number of illnesses. Estelle and I were married 62 years. She was a handsome student of classical dance when I met her in New York City in 1932 and we lived there until 1992. She worked with me professionally for many years, came to Middlebury frequently to trustee meetings, and loved the town and the College. ■ On the bright side, I have had interesting letters recently from **Newton Baker**, and telephone talks with **Carolyn Wood-ward O'Neill**. I occupy myself with trips to Washington and New York, a bit of writing, and a monthly radio show here in Chestertown. We must keep in touch and try to get to Middlebury now and then—certainly in 1999, which will be our 70th. Don't forget it.

1930

Class Secretary: *Mrs. Beecher W. Dudey (Helen Kendall), 220 Ash St., Corinth, NY 12822.*

Please send any news you have directly to the College. We are housebound now and I am not in contact with more active members of our class. It is awful to become so inactive. I, who have gone seven times to Europe, do not now even step outdoors. The Senior Center delivers five meals a week and the man to whom I gave my car does errands for us. So we are doing well. It is helpful to have my husband to talk to! We are both 89. ■ **Elizabeth Parker Andrews** has stayed in five different homes and hospitals since taking a bad fall in 1994. We wish her all the best and hope she is feeling better. ■ We send the condolences of the class to the family of **Bert Nylen**, who died in February. There is more news of Bert in the 1929 column and a memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

CLASS ACT

Hazel Grover '19

By Yvonne Daley

Forget the stereotypes you might have about farm women or the elderly. Hazel Grover '19, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday and who left her parent's simple farmhouse in West Tinmouth, Vermont, to enter Middlebury College in 1915, still drives a car, works in her vegetable and flower gardens, cooks her own meals, and keeps house at the farmhouse where she was born on September 18, 1896.

She's made some concessions to time. She no longer travels to her favorite places—Africa, Spain, France, Canada, America's West Coast—but her reading material includes travel magazines and *National Geographic*, and a map of the Persian Gulf decorates one wall of her tidy living room for easy reference as she reads or watches the news.

At Middlebury, Grover wrote for *The Campus*, played basketball, attended dances and parties sponsored by social clubs and organizations, and was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. But studies always came first. While most of the women, and men for that matter, were studying to be teachers, Grover was determined to enter the male-dominated world of science.

"I was curious about what made things work, about the way everything was put together. I never wanted to be a teacher. I was afraid I couldn't manage the children," she said. "Besides, I felt certain there were other things that women could offer than just teaching. I thought teaching was important, of course, but not the only role for women."

When, in the winter of 1920, Grover was hired to work as a chemist, her father delivered her to the Manchester, Connecticut, plant via horse and sleigh. She later became one of the first women to get a master's degree in chemistry at Columbia University and was the first woman student enrolled at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, setting the stage for other women to enter technical colleges.

"It had taken me a long time to get in," recalled Grover. "Finally they got tired of me bugging them, and they called me to come down for an interview. At the end, they said, 'We have been unable to find a reason to keep you out, so I guess you're in.'"

"I knew I wasn't just doing it for me. After I got in, I encouraged other women with promise, women who wanted to learn more, to apply. And they did," she said.

For the next three decades, Grover worked in the laboratories of Nestle Corporation, General Foods, and Ferdinand Guttman Co., a manufacturer of container closures in Brooklyn, exploring new ways to preserve food safely. Her work included studies of the emerging field of frozen foods and developing substitutes for cork and other materials that were scarce during World War II.

In 1962, Grover "retired" and returned to the family home to live with her older sister, Lucy Blakely, and help her run a Rutland flower shop. The sisters sold the business in 1973. Lucy died in 1983.

Grover has no special advice on longevity, except that she follows the old adage about moderation. "I like to say I tried almost everything—but I didn't take to it," she said. "Most of my friends have died, but I've made lots of new friends. I've been pretty successful, I think."

Must be. Friends and family in Tinmouth and the surrounding communities of Wells and Middletown Springs held three birthday parties for Grover this fall. After a week of celebrating, Grover admitted to being just a little tired. But, with winter approaching, she had a half-dozen projects around the house she was still attending to.

"I never expected to be 100 years old. I think it's pretty remarkable myself," she said. ■

Yvonne Daley is a staff writer for the Rutland Daily Herald.

1931

Class Secretary: *Miss Priscilla March, 103 River Mead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Several of our classmates had active summers. **Mary Stolte Toomey** enjoyed golf in Grafton, VT. Her scores were good, too. ■ **Theta Conant Claflin** won awards in ballroom dancing in 26 out of 27 entries in Walt Disney World competitions. Congratulations! ■ **Nathalie Lewis Emery** visited Scandinavia and Russia in July. ■ **Betty Pease Felt** moved in July to a retirement home at 925 New Garden Road, Apt. 508, Greensboro, NC 27410. ■ **Phil Bates** still gardens and sings in the choir at his church. He writes that Betty is making progress in her recovery from the effects of a stroke. ■ **Dick Fear** plans to explore Indonesia in February. He will be part of a tour arranged through the Museum of Natural History.

1932

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 133 Lawrence St., Embury 28W, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.*

Nancy Moores Poltrack has a new address: Cortland House, 6 Beth Ave., Leominster, MA 01453. She writes that this is "a new living-assisted facility, not a nursing home." ■ We are deeply saddened to report the deaths of several of our classmates: **Eleanor (Bill) Benjamin Clemens Berry** suffered a fatal stroke on July 8 while on a cruise off the coast of Norway. **Helen Vorce Thompson** died January 30, 1995; **Daniel P. Ricco** on April 24, 1996; **Helen Frost Reynolds** on April 27, 1996; and **Ruth Moody Perkins** on June 12, 1996. We send the condolences of the class to all their families and friends.

1933

Class Secretary: *Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757-9528.*

In case you were born in May, June, July, or August (or even in September, alas!) and have missed your annual birthday greeting **Middlebury '33—RAH!** postcard, be of good cheer, for I expect to get back to normal in time to start sending 'em again by October. Long-distance moving does things to one's routine, as you can imagine. So, an *extra happy birthday!* belatedly to all. ■ Please tear out the card provided in each issue of our *Middlebury Magazine* (pre-addressed to the College) and try to send a news item about yourself—at least once a year. The form is much more spacious now. ■ **Hewitt ("Red") Page** keeps in touch. He plans on our 65th in '98. Join him! ■ Safely through a successful new procedure for aneurysms, **Allyn White** was beset with another problem requiring surgery. He returned from the hospital in mid-July, we hope to a quick recovery. ■ Jean Perry '41 was kind enough to send word of the death of her mother, **Margaret Scott Anderson**, on April 13, 1995, following a long illness. Peg was the widow of Carl Anderson '34. We extend our sympathy to Jean. ■ From Ellen Grauer in Peterborough, NH, comes word of the death of her brother-in-law, Dr. **Reginald K. House**, on May 8, 1996, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, following a long period of ill health. He was predeceased by his wife in June 1993. We thank Ellen for letting us know. A memorial appeared in the summer issue. ■ We also send condolences to the family of **Everett W. Gould**, who died on June 29, 1996. A memorial appears in this issue.

1934

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhowdon Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

Raymond Mercier writes: "I live alone in an old seven-room house out in the country. It is quiet and peaceful. There are some neighbors nearby. I cannot do much outdoors. I can't stand the hot sun in summer nor the cold in winter. During the last 10 years I have had to be in several hospitals for various illnesses or operations. My nearby physician is Brendan Buckley in Hardwick. He graduated from Middlebury in 1973. He is very patient and takes good care of me. I also have dealings with a heart specialist and a urologist. The three keep me able to be up and walking—but no running. I read history books mostly. I majored in history at Middlebury. I believe in learning until the end, but cannot remember as much as I would like to." ■ We are grateful to Craig Seymour, nephew of **Carl W. Seymour**, for sending along Carl's new address. We send greetings to Carl at the Belknap County Nursing Home, 1152 N. Main St., Laconia, NH 03846. ■ **Rosemary Faris Baer**, who lives in the White Sands retirement community in La Jolla, CA, also sent a very interesting and informative letter. Recovering from a shoulder problem which necessitated giving up volunteer work, her attention turned to a variety of interests and activities. There was a series of liturgical services in her church, a book report for library readers on *Ambrose's Undaunted Courage*, about the Lewis expedition west, and much more. She told of a day trip to a country fair, which included many exhibits and the Neuroscience Institute in La Jolla. She also told of experiencing cathedrals and labyrinths. A labyrinth, the term for a definite path to walk, as on a pilgrimage, can be defined on the floor of a sanctuary, or open-air place of worship or retreat. ■ Is this a record? Although I (**Eleanor Orde Reid**) have continued to live in the same home on the same street, the Post Office has changed my address SEVEN times in the last 46 years! Note the latest version above. ■ Once again your class secretaries appeal to our classmates (there are 78 of you out there) to tell us what you are thinking or doing. We are all interested in hearing of friends.

1935

Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

In their retirement community, **Virginia Easler Wilson** and husband Carroll are active on the marketing committee and the resident council. Golf, bridge, needlepoint, and entertaining family and friends keep them busy. ■ **Gertrude Knight Cleverdon** enjoys her new retirement community (131 Rivermead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458) but has not retired from her activities at the Peterborough Historical Society. She also continues as a docent at the city's museum. ■ At their spring dinner VT Green Ups, a private nonprofit organization, gave special tribute to Senator **Robert Stafford** and Helen Kelley Stafford, who both serve with special dedication as members of the board of VT Green Ups. ■ News of the Staffords came via **Millie Aubrey Monagan**, who is busy helping husband Walter with a bimonthly newsletter (class of '32, Holy Cross). Class news editors everywhere appreciate any help we can get. In Shelburne, **Mildred Aubrey Monagan** and **Betty Seaver Eichmann** joined a mini-reunion before going on to Middlebury. Betty planned a September return to FL. ■ After a peaceful weekend at Cape May, NJ, **Avis Fischer** set out on a trip to visit friends in Canada. Unfortunately, the trip developed into 16 hours of missing connections, rescheduling routes, locating baggage, and killing 11 hours in two airports. She also narrowly escaped a near tornado that leveled the area. It may be some time before she travels north again. ■ **Natalie Dunsmoor** spent the early part of the summer traveling—some for fun and some because of family illness. In May, she attended the dedication of the "Old" New State House in Hartford, the result of 15 years of efforts to save it, sparked by one of her former pupils. Later at the first national celebration of United Church of Christ women in 10 years, Natalie joined the choir in singing three anthems written by the Rev. Kathy Eddy, a 1973 Midd graduate. ■ The card from Natalie also included the sad news of the death of **Maywood Clough Kelton**. At Middlebury, she was an enthusiastic language student, with an interest in music. As a member of the Mountain Club, she participated in some memorable excursions. To Maywood's daughters and family, the class sends heartfelt condolences. ■ After hosting son and family (including grandsons two and six) for eight months, **Alma Davis Struble** is once more "queen of her castle." It's so peaceful—and kind of lonely.

1936

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Auretta Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Mr. Richard Dempewolff, RR 1, Box 29E, Henryville, PA 18332.*

When Admiral George Dufek, Task Force 43 Commander in Antarctica during the 1956 International Geophysical Year, needed a new pilot to fly the ice cap, he Tel-X'd one whom he knew in Washington as follows: "POLAR PILOT REQD TSK FC 43 ANTARCTICA STOP YOUR DECISION STOP DO YOU CHOOSE VOLUNTEER OR BE DRAFTED QUERY." The new co-secretaryship for the Class of '36 was established in similar, if gentler, fashion. We both chose to volunteer. The great job performed since our 55th by **Ed** and **Ruth McNulty Howard**—to whom we tip our hats—will be tough to follow. They have provided an outstanding target to shoot for. And thanks go to **Dick Hubbard**, who produced our class notes in the last issue, when the deadline preceded our appointment but arrived after the Howards had served their term. ■ Listening to the banquet tapes made for those unable to attend our reunion, **Gus Brooks** observed that the recollections of our 60th Reunion attendees reveal how many of our class members are "Renaissance people. Most have been dedicated to the creation of real family values and community works," says Gus, "and are not just 'survivors' of a depression, wars, and personal upheavals. They have achieved more than half a century of productive, rewarding life, steeped in participation, interest, and expertise in the arts, sciences, literature, and in education."

We are indebted to Gus for many of the following comments: **Dick Hubbard** recalled (at the banquet) a career that began as a boy delivering milk to Dr. Stephen Freeman (our banquet guest). The milkboy moved on to officerships, board memberships, and trusteeships with deep personal involvement and influence—in the College, the library, Porter Hospital, his church, the bank, and many civic enterprises, businesses and charities. ■ **Dick Chase**, who served as program chair, welcomed Al Spendlove as an honorary class member. Al came to the reunion to announce the late **Dorothy Symonds Spendlove**'s substantial bequest, designated for scholarships for women from VT, NH, and ME. "The gift is from Dot, not me," Al emphasized. Dick reported recent retirement from business, bank directorship, and a position of leadership in the Chamber of Commerce and 19 civic organizations. Recent activities have involved motorhome travel with Anne and get-togethers with their three children and two grandchildren. ■ **Maggie Leach Harris** described a globe-trotting life with husband Travis '34, whose Fulbright grants took them to Denmark and Turkey, followed by academic sojourns in Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and England. Four children were born en route. Daughter Virginia, who studied Turkish while there, married a Turk, who is now a close part of a family that includes five grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Maggie's son, Richard, was at Middlebury reuning with '61 and her nephew, Wilson Leach, has joined Middlebury Class of 2000. ■ **Bill Dawes** recalled depression-ridden classmates leaving school with no money left for further tuition. Modest summer jobs saw most return by fall. Starting in '36 as a $20-per-week shipping clerk for a large silverware company, Bill retired 38 years later as its eastern sales manager. His five daughters and their families gather at his CT home every Christmas. ■ **Frank "Sparrow" Boyce** was the manager of the John Ringling Hotel in Sarasota, until entering World War II military service. He and his wife later ran a Sarasota travel agency. Now retired, Frank enjoys TV and golf, sometimes with wintertime FL neighbor **Bill Dawes**. ■ **Evelyn Poppel "Poppy" Gerard**, down from Kennebunk, has been doing volunteer work, in addition to caring for a 102-year-old matriarchal mother. She now counts four generations of Gerards. Winters find Poppy in Ormand Beach, FL, where, for 20 years, she has been "having fun doing skits and foolish things" with a theatrical group that fills a 600-seat house four nights a week. ■ Since our 50th, **Mary Jane "Jerry" Kevan Philpott**'s health has slipped a bit, but husband Russ spoke for her. He reviewed Jerry's unique swimming achievements, including three Quebec records and one all-Canadian record. Russ thanked all present for the friendship and loyalty they have enjoyed from the class. ■ **Doug Rubb** was awarded honorable mention and a bag of pretzels for greatest distance traveled: 21,000 miles round trip from Australia. "Just for kicks," he wore **Charlie Startup**'s name tag and was kissed by a few women, "who thought they were kissing Charlie," chuckled Doug. Doug's wartime career as a Naval historian under Admiral Halsey, saw him covering action (along with James Michener) in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, and other World War II hot spots. His post-war years in New Zealand and Australia have been spent writing for newspapers and magazines. ■ **Marion Cole Morhouse** recently raised funds for the Enfield, NH, fire department by setting up a scarecrow man and woman in a flea market booth, against a plywood wall. For a certain donation, contributors could throw discarded cups, saucers, and plates at the dummies and watch the china crash against the backup plywood wall. Marion enthused about her family, including a pilot son who flies "notable people to notable destinations." ■ **Ed** and **Ruth McNulty Howard**, happily air-conditioned against desert heat in their AZ environs, breathe a happy sigh of relief on completion of their second round as class secretaries. Ruth, ill for a time, is back to swimming three days a week, golf, bridge, and entertaining house guests with Ed. ■ After an April visit to their daughter in KY, Max and **Ret Hanson Herrington** headed home via the Great Smokies and Blue Ridge. En route they stopped to see **Ginny Rich Woodman** in Frederick, MD, and then visited Ray and **Harmony Buell Cobb** in Princeton, NJ. The Cobbs missed the 60th, due to four graduations of grandchildren. With two families combined, Harmony's Cape Cod digs were busy last summer, entertaining four generations. ■ Still practicing medicine in Thomaston, CT, **Bud Conklin** had to miss the 60th, due to a disc operation that had to be performed to stop the suffering of a longtime patient. Bud still plays golf and enjoys gardening. ■ **Chris Conley Gifford**, who usually comes to reunions from her camp in Old Forge, NY, did not get there this year. She says the trip "begins to seem a bit too long from Southern Pines, NC." Chris resigned as head of volunteers at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital this year, but continues volunteer work in her community. ■ Fully recovered after major surgery, **Lloyd Williams** quit his seat on the town board to run a political campaign in Copake Falls, NY, "to elect a lady D.A. candidate opposed by the local 'good-old-boys' in power," says Lloyd. She won by 4,000 votes. As a member of his town's historical society board, Lloyd has acquired a distinguished service award for his work in turning an abandoned church into the town's museum. ■ **Kay Worcester Williams** had recent cancer surgery, but reports they caught it in time. She keeps active playing golf and planned to head for her favorite place in the Adirondacks, where she likes to canoe. ■ Dedicated traveler, golfer and Red Cross volunteer **Phil Taft** reports abandonment of those activities due to "a back." He and wife "Ads" have visited every continent on earth. Nowadays, says Phil, he manages a little hiking and odd jobs around the house. That "back" prevented their making the reunion.

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1937

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and the Rev. Loring D. Chase, 10 Surry Hill Dr., Keene, NH 03431.*

Rob and **Vannie (Ruth) Van Sickle Robinson**'s Hi-Ho trailer has taken them to the Adirondacks, Lake George, and VT. They found Middlebury a surprise, with the new buildings and changes. They like spending six months in FL and six months in the north (with Chittenango, NY, as headquarters). They saw **Marion Wishart Packard** recently. They were looking forward to a summer family reunion, as well as their state fair, and trips to ME and Cape Cod. Then it was back home in time to "pull up old tomato plants, pick some apples and head for FL golf and sunshine again. (The monotony of it all is mind boggling.)" ■ **Marshall Sewell** has taken on some new responsibilities, doing volunteer fund-raising and public relations for the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, an environmental group working to save NJ's Pinelands from further development. He says, "I remember very few details of what I learned, but I felt we took away from that hilltop campus in a small valley town a philosophy of life, a sharing of attitudes, and a respect for the value of continuing our education, and the necessity of saving and cherishing our natural environment. And memories, of course." ■ **Larry Shields** writes from FL: "I still play the clarinet every day, practice with a band and an orchestra, mow the lawn, walk the dog ("Scootie"), talk to the dog, mow the lawn, and if bored, mow the lawn again. Boy! Does the grass grow down here!" ■ **Grayce Cookson Pierpont** writes from Thomaston, CT, that she keeps in touch with former classmates by mail or phone. She had a wonderful weekend in May, attending her grandson's graduation from the medical school at IN Univ. Grace is missing **Ruth Schneider Upson**, her "roommate and friend since high school days," because Ruth has moved from Middlebury, CT, to St. Petersburg, FL (1041 Snug Harbor Rd. NE, Lot 101, 33702). Ruth says she moved because of macular degeneration in her eyes, and she wanted to be closer to son Steve. Son Stuart is moving to New Bern, NC. Ruth promises to write when she is settled. ■ **Muriel Voter Williams** reported on a two-week bus tour of national parks in the northwest U.S. and Canada: "We crossed the Rocky Mountains, walked on a 'live' glacier, and ferried to Vancouver Island, among many other treats, like Banff and Lake Louise." ■ On a recent trip to Middlebury, **Barbara Weaver Street** called on Dr. Freeman. "We had a wonderful chat about old times at the Chat and adventures with Binie (a.k.a. Mademoiselle Lea Bineaud)." Barbara was a discouraged gardener this year, what with deer, woodchucks, soaking rain, and stiff knees, which were "all conspiring agin" the garden." ■ **Erwin Warren** writes from Eugene, OR, to say that his son in AK and his daughter in NV planned a picnic party for Erwin and Hazel's 50th wedding anniversary over Memorial Day weekend. They were also heading to AK for two weddings of grandchildren. ■ Since experiencing a mild heart attack in December 1995, **Eileen Whitney Wilson** has stayed closer to home, but she planned an August vacation. Eileen also enjoyed hearing about her granddaughter's trip to Australia and New Zealand with a People to People Student Ambassadors group. ■ **Mildred Trask Roesch** has a new great-grandson. Her granddaughter, Pam, and her husband are Vermonters. Mildred and husband George are "still playing tennis and having fun, but getting slower." Guess we all know about that. ■ **Charlotte Colburn Shea** keeps in touch with **Hilda Crosby**, as well

as Madeline Buttles '38 and Roxanna Blackmore '36. Charlotte and husband Hartley spend much of the summer in VT. They say, "Let's hope that VT will always stay green and unspoiled as it is now."

1938

Class Secretaries: *Miss Madeline S. Buttles, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301; and Mr. Allison S. Beebe, RR 3, Box 8324, Heritage Hill #13, Rutland, VT 05701.*

Our deepest sympathy to **Margaret Lawrence Lind**, who has lost two members of her family in the past year—husband John on September 26, 1995, and sister Helen Lawrence Bailey '41 on June 4, 1996. Margaret is still living in Norwell, MA, and until recently was singing in the choir of the United Church of Christ. Margaret writes: "Many good friends have helped me through these past few months." On a happier note she continues," I have the weddings of my two oldest granddaughters to look forward to in August and again in December. My oldest grandson has a little boy, so I am a great-grandmother. He and his family live in Orlando, FL, and I made a trip there in April to visit them." Margaret regretted missing the 55th Reunion, but her husband was in poor health at that time. However, she is looking forward to our 60th Reunion in '98. ■ **Graham Newell** taught Latin and history at St. Johnsbury Academy from 1938 to 1947, returned in 1982, and continues to teach there to this day. At commencement exercises last spring, a building was renamed in his honor. Graham comes from a long line of St. Johnsbury Academy graduates, beginning with his great-grandparents, who attended in 1847. He now teaches Latin in the same classroom in which he was taught Latin—in the building next door to Newell Hall. ■ In late spring, **Becki Abbott Brooks** experienced another mishap, falling and breaking her left hip on her way to church in San Francisco. Fortunately two passersby assisted her to her hotel and then she was on her way to the emergency room. Becki writes: "It took only three-quarters of an hour. I had an injured arm, too, and the surgeon put on a cast, leaving my fingertips free. My recovery was truly remarkable and I was out of the hospital in 10 days." ■ **Don** and Betts Laws '36 **Westin** have moved from their Naples, FL, home of 21 years to a retirement home at 1000 Lely Palm Dr., Bldg. E, 127, Naples, FL 34113. ■ Charlie and **Tommy Leslie Hall** enjoyed a change of scenery, spending four weeks in Sedona, AZ. Tommy commented that "a change is always good, especially with the dreary weather we have experienced of late." Tommy reports that Mary and **Ray Brainard** live in Sun City, two hours from the Halls, making phone conversations possible, even though they were unable to get together. Ray is looking forward to returning to Midd for our 60th Reunion. ■ **Bob Matteson** still leads a busy, active life. Selected as one of Bennington's "community heroes," he was carrying the Olympic torch for part of its passage through southern VT. Involved in community affairs, Bob also serves as a trustee of the Bennington Museum. ■ Dick and **Betty MacCulloch Mattox** do not notice any great change in their lifestyle since retirement. Mac notes that her husband is active in the Capital Area Consortium on Aging and disability, which tries through innovative technology and affordable health care to find alternatives to nursing homes. Mac and Dick enjoy spending time on the Cape (45 Oyster Pond Rd., Falmouth) near a son, who works in Woods Hole. Three of Mac's grandkids have graduated from college, but "No Midd yet," she reports. ■ Involvement in an activity or hobby is most important as we grow older. **Arne Beltz** is a good example of what one can do. She takes particular pleasure in a creative writing course, especially poetry. Her friends were delighted to receive a beautifully written Christmas poem, enclosed with her annual letter. She is also very close to her grandchildren and undoubtedly exerts great influence on their lives. ■ **Tommy Leslie Hall** writes that "the Tanglewood group really cannot be called that anymore. For several years we have met in other locations. We still miss **Emily Barclay Jackson** and Russ. In June, Tut and **Betty Gates Tuttle**, Dale and **Janet Randall Morgan**, John and **Nonny Allen Leslie**, Frank and **Eleanor Barnum Gardner**, Charlie and **Tommy Leslie Hall** gathered at the Inn at Charlotte, VT. The weather cooperated during our two days together for lots of good visiting and recalling many fine memories." ■ We have received word of the death of **Betty Sharley Reid** in early April 1995. Betty suffered from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a degenerative nerve disorder known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Last winter **Becki Abbott Brooks** was able to talk with Betty, whose condition was deteriorating. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, Dorion, son Harry, and daughter Alice.

***Bob Darrow** and wife Sue skied Colorado and British Columbia in February, then took five little grandchildren and their parents to Hilton Head in April. In June, he rode a bike through Denmark (300 miles and five islands) with a quick trip up to Sweden to check on ancestors. Whew!*

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1939

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence La., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

Bert MacFadden is still actively practicing pediatrics and adolescent medicine. "No plans to retire," he writes. "Travel is the fun thing in our lives still, now concentrating on the South Pacific. Hong Kong and Malaysia coming up in spring. Still showing Siberians and contemplating dog-sledding this winter, with awe and trepidation! Along with you other bragging grandparents, count me in for a top-drawer five-some." ■ Send those Christmas cards with all your news to the addresses above!

1940

Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

The Green Room Restaurant at the Cape Playhouse in Dennis, MA, was the location of the Cape Cod Middlebury alumni group's annual cocktail party on May 17. The committee, headed by Winn Cobb '55, did a wonderful job. Middlebury alumni golfers also joined the group. Delicious hot and cold hors d'oeuvres were served. The College was represented by Mike Schoenfeld '73, Ed Sommers '60, and coaches Bill Beaney and Russ Reilly. Bob and I were happy to be at our Cape Cod home and enjoyed being with the group. ■ **Bobbie Peek Loftin** informs us that she has moved from Austin, TX, to a retirement community (Westminster) in Lake Ridge, VA. She says the location is perfect, a few steps from a large and attractive swimming pool, where they conduct water aerobics and play water volleyball. Lake Ridge is a mere half hour drive from Falls Church, where her niece lives with her husband and two sons, so Bobbie is now 1,500 miles closer to family again. We wish you lots of happiness, Bobbie. ■ Reunion weekend, May 31-June 2, 1996, was a beautiful weekend in VT, attended by a very large number of alumni. Bob and I were guests of the Class of 1941 and enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and attending various events. Also attending the weekend were **Dave** and Mary Ruby '41 **Goodell** and **Talbot** and Allison Sanford '41 **Hamlin**. ■ **Margaret Heald Lawton** reports that they were happy to survive another VT winter. Their sojourn at Myrtle Beach this year was less enjoyable than usual, as Erle required gall bladder surgery while they were down there. They made it back to VT by driving a short distance each day. He's fine now and playing golf once again. Peg was also starting again soon, as her new knee is fine. ■ **Jim Smith** wrote us a nice, newsy letter. He and Maurine spent two enjoyable weeks in southern CO last October, staying at the ski resort of Purgatory, in the San Juan mountains, which rise over 13,000 feet. Their real reason for going was to ride the Durango/Silverton narrow gauge railroad. Returning home to Fairfax, VA, they bought a new house and moved in January, in between snowstorms. He decided not to run in the school board elections again, as he has served over 11 years. Recently they visited son Doug and family in Panama City, FL. Grandson Matthew is four and granddaughter Genevieve is 16 months. Doug is now a partner in the small law firm which he joined upon finishing law school seven years ago. Their daughter, Caroline, completed 15 years this summer as a mechanical engineer with a VA firm. Both of her sons (ages 9 and 6) like athletics. They live only seven miles away in Falls Church, so they can visit often. ■ Congratulations to Stewart and **Betsey Barber Barney**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22 in Mamaroneck, NY. The Barneys vacationed at their cottage in Irving, MA, this summer.

1941

Class Secretary: *Lester W. Ingalls, P.O. Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753; and Mrs. Edwin A. Riggs, Jr., (Dodie Lathrop), 46 Charles St., Auburn, NY 13021.*

Roger Griffith and **B. Grow Grim** did such a fine job with our 50th Reunion newsletter that there has been a virtual vacuum of news since spring. Roger is looking forward to participating in preparations for our 60th! However, don't wait until then to send us your news. ■ Bob and **Blair Chase Ohaus** flew to Ireland last spring with son, Jim, his wife, Paula, and their triplets, born in November '95, to have the boys baptized at her parish church in Galway. They stayed in an idyllic, antiques-furnished castle, situated in a

field filled, as the poet Wordsworth said, with "A host of golden daffodils/Beside the lake, beneath the trees/Fluttering and dancing in the breeze." ■ **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker**, ever peripatetic, enjoyed a June trip to Scandinavian capitals and St. Petersburg, with daughters Rice and Helen. Shortly thereafter she attended a 50th anniversary party in ME, and soon left to join a cousin in Salt Lake City for a 10-day tour of the WY national parks. ■ At the end of June, **Dodie Lathrop Riggs** and a friend attended an Elderhostel program on the "Whales of Gloucester" at Endicott College in Beverly, MA. The knowledgeable leader, who had known the **Dodges** in Newburyport for many years, was a designer for Towle silversmiths. There were two field trips, one to the New England Aquarium in Boston, the other whale-watching out of Gloucester. They saw several humpbacks cavorting in the sea. When the course ended, they stayed overnight with Dick and **Betty Stratton Loomis** at their seaside home in Plum Cove. ■ We note with deep regret the death of **Bob Martin** whose memorial appears in this issue. He will be remembered as an avid sports fan whose dexterity as Middlebury's hockey goalie earned him the sobriquet "RedLight" Martin among his college friends. Bob was a frequent VT visitor from his home in FL, a loyal alumnus, and a cherished classmate. We will miss him. Our sincerest sympathies go to his wife, Toni, and their family.

1942

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 341 Long Reach Dr., Salem, SC 29676.*

Ann Curtis Wood expressed it perfectly: We all feel that there is so much to see and do, and so little time. Ann is a volunteer at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden Library. Her interest in history and pre-Columbian art takes her to places like Guatemala and Mexico City. She recently enjoyed a visit to Italy, and a trip to D.C. to visit her younger daughter and **Marion Anderson Jordan**. Her eldest daughter teaches Russian history at MIT. ■ **Virgie Witte Miller** traveled to England and Scotland in summer '95. They also took a family trip to CA and UT. Virgie works at the Tucson Museum of Art and Bill at the air museum. ■ **Chuck Beach**'s 1995 travels included trips to Nevis, ME, CA, Palm Beach, Naples, and two weeks on beautiful Lake St. Catherine in VT. His kids all came home for Christmas, their first holiday in Newington, CT, in 20 years. He visited George '43 and Beverly Beach Grant '47 in Hudson, OH. ■ **Meg Buscher Andrews** and **Bill** planned to fly across the country and rent a car to tour the West and see the sights. They also cruised the Caribbean recently and missed stopping at Montserrat, as we did, due to the serious situation with the volcano. ■ **Nina Camuti Danielsen** was given a surprise party by her family for her you-know-what birthday. Meg and Bill Andrews and **Elma Boyer** were there, along with hundreds of grandchildren and assorted relatives. ■ **T. Holmes Moore** is a busy man. After 33 years as headmaster of New Hampton School, Bud retired in 1992 and sounds more active than ever. "I've been the chairman of a bank, and of a few insurance companies; I'm involved in musical organizations; and I do fundraising. I helped with the Bipartisan Campaign for the Arts. I'm also working on a Lakes Region program called 'A School Called NH.'" This program is for middle and high school students who are not realizing their potential in the traditional public school classroom. He runs the choir of the New Hampton Community Church and, with wife Jinga, sings with the Pemi Choral Society and the NH Music Festival Chorus. They were leaving for South America in early summer for a singing tour with the NH Friendship Chorus. A few years ago, they went to Australia and New Zealand with the same group. Between community service commitments, he and Jinga also play golf and tennis. ■ Fred and **Ellen Hold Erb** (new 911 address, same house: 460 Mill Brook Road) had a really tough winter. Fred had several operations, mainly orthopedic, and Ellen had the flu, which went on ad nauseam. However, they recovered and later went to UT to visit relatives. ■ **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** (Tillie) and husband Denny did Newfoundland this summer. Hope the weather cooperated at Witless Bay. ■ **Helen Hooley Young** and a family party of 26 cruised to AK in July. Helen took six of her family and brother John took 18. We saw Helen last spring in Venice, FL. ■ **Joan Calley Cooper** was in her NH digs for the summer. ■ Joan and **Sue Hulings Ottinger, Margie Fell Council**, and **Dottie Milligan Schuck** enjoyed a little reunion in San Francisco in April. Joan did the rain forests of Panama and Costa Rica in April and went through the Panama Canal in a small boat. ■ On our way to FL, we (the **Bateses**) visited **Helen Hooley Young** and Gordon Brooks '41. In FL, we had the extreme pleasure of meeting Lady Margaret Thatcher at a convention. We also spent a day with **Bill** and **Meg Buscher Andrews**, and had a four-hour chat with **Bill Wood**, who is on the air every morning with his shortwave radio. We made it back to Nova Scotia for the Tattoo and a little golf with Jack's sister and her husband, John Freese '49. We're getting down to serious business about reunion on the weekend of May 30-June 1, 1997. Start writing your friends to get a good group back. It will be less structured and lots of time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Would like to hear from the rest of you. We're not mind readers and only heaven knows what you're doing. But everyone else would also like to know!

1943

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. J.G. Krieble (Amanda Sanborne), 3646 Tolland Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

Retiree **Roderick J. Hemphill** traveled to Italy last year and to Colorado Springs in January for the birth of his seventh grandchild. In March he took a cruise through the Caribbean with his daughter's family. He also volunteers for Hospice and VNA. ■ As we reported in our spring 1995 column, **Roger Easton** is getting quite a bit of recognition for his work. A recent case in point is a major award he has received from the Naval Research Laboratories, where Roger spent his professional career. He was instrumental in the development of the "Global Positioning System," as summarized in the following excerpts from the presentation of his award: "Easton acquired the insights and the experience to propose the satellite navigation system through his engineering leadership on a whole series of undertakings.... As a result, the world today has available to it one of history's most important technological achievements.... To the young scientists and engineers in the audience, I would urge you to approach things in the spirit of Roger Easton, coupling your own insights and your experience base with those of others to produce great achievement.... To Roger Easton, we can only extend our thanks for your great contributions to the Navy and the Nation.... In recognition of your great achievements, I am pleased to announce the establishment of a major new NRL award for excellence in engineering achievement, to be called the Roger Easton Award." Congratulations, Roger!

1944

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

An enthusiastic letter from **Hal Parker**, written on a page from one of those blue exam books, urges all of us to gear up early for our 55th Reunion in 1999. He keeps in touch with several classmates, particularly **Dave Stebbins** and **Paul Vyrros**, as well as others in surrounding classes. He was in Middlebury in September for the Gordie Perine '49 Golf Tournament. ■ After seeing their oldest granddaughter off to Duke last September, Edward and **Jeanne Chatfield Addison** repeated the process this fall with the next granddaughter. In October, they were observing their 50th wedding anniversary in Charleston, SC, where Edward was having the first reunion of his shipmates of World War II. ■ **Bill** and **Inki Monk Stevenson** enjoyed a few days with Chuck and **Ricki Wheaton Evans** in Virginia Beach last April. They went to Branson, MO, to see some shows before their big June trip. They spent three days in Barcelona and sailed through the Mediterranean to Italy, ending with three days in Rome. ■ After many years of making plans, Bill and **Tommy Ring Hennefrund** have tickets for a 10-day Christmas holiday in London. ■ **Bob Darrow** has been busy since last Christmas. He and wife Sue skied CO and British Columbia in February, then took five little grandchildren and their parents to Hilton Head in April. In June, he rode a bike through Denmark (300 miles and five islands) with a quick trip up to Sweden to check on ancestors. Whew! ■ Many thanks to those who responded to our plea for news. To all, please keep us informed.

1945

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert W. Allen (Marian Bailey), 2175 S. Ocean Blvd., #206, Delray Beach, FL 33483, and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

Our own **Mary Elizabeth Wisotzkey (Mew) McClellan** appeared on the cover of the spring alumni magazine of the Lawrenceville School. She is one of seven women in the past 100 years who have reigned as wife of the school's headmaster and first lady of the school community. In her 27 years at Lawrenceville (1959-86) Mew saw many changes. In the early years, she was hosting daily teas, as well as proms and events for faculty, trustees, families, and alumni. "I did it all—Mrs. Chips inside the fence," she says. Beginning in summer 1968, Lawrenceville changed. In excerpts from a paper she wrote in the graduate program at Rider College in 1980 she says: "Students were aggressively forcing adults to reexamine dress codes, curricula, and social patterns. The challenge was to find new ways to entertain informally, to stay in communication at all. Hamburgers in the kitchen at 9 p.m. instead of tea in the alumni study at 5 was one winter's effort." She continues: "I liked being 'Queen.' I liked living in beautiful space inside and out. I liked living among articulate people who enjoy the world of ideas. I liked working behind the scenes, keeping

Awaiting the lineup for Convocation 1996 outside Mead Chapel were 1946 classmates Barbara Busing Harris '46, Peg Rowland Post '45, Jean Crawford McKee '46, Ann Curry Munier '46, Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom '46, (back row) Pete Harris '44, Janet ("Willie") Wilson Gulick '46, Avery Post '46, Pete McKee '45, Milo Munier, and Ev Nordstrom.

open to new ways for the many constituencies to relate to the institution." Times had changed from the era in which housemasters' wives hired babysitters for their own children and went down to eat dinner with the students. "When there's a conflict over something you have to do in the house, your own family comes first," Mew told a young housemaster's wife when she first came to the school. "That was just the opposite of what a headmaster's wife told me at another school we interviewed," recalls the young wife. "Mary Elizabeth was very conscientious, very thoughtful." We at Middlebury also knew Mary Elizabeth as conscientious and thoughtful, and knew she would fill her place in the world with charm and grace. Congratulations, Mew. ■ A letter from **Dottie Laux O'Brien** expresses our loss in the death of a dear classmate: "I was saddened to hear last week that **Carol Jackson Grube** had died on June 9 in Groton, CT, from a recurrence of a previous problem. Carol loved to take her grandchildren skiing at Stratton, and I shall miss her visits when she came through Manchester on her way to the mountain resort. I've never known a more gentle spirit. We all send our sympathy to her husband Ken, their four children, and Carol's brother, Willard Jackson '51."

1946

Class Secretaries: *Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom (Mrs. Everett R.), 10 Inverness Rd., P.O. Box 4225, Pinehurst, NC 28374; and Joan Campbell Shaw (Mrs. Douglas P.), Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255.*

The din caused by Gamaliel Painter canes "knocking wood" in Mead Chapel resounds with the memory of our Alumni Convocation in June. A photographic memory appears near this column. ■ Unfortunately, Middlebury reunion was not possible for **Elizabeth (Betty) Hurd Wyant** and husband John. She said she would be thinking of all of us and "of our happy times at Middlebury." ■ **Mary Elizabeth Nordstrom** has been helping the Flemish Chamber Music Ensemble, Contrasts, to locate additional concerts in the U.S. between February 28 and March 19, 1997. Ler her know if you need a super classical ensemble. She's teaching piano and organ at Trinity Music Academy this year, but is keeping options open since husband Ev's new retirement job involves nationwide travel. Ev's new fund-raising business connection is as partner at First Counsel, Inc., of Charlotte. Mary Elizabeth would like to know where you store your 50th Reunion cane. Her GPC is situated just above an air duct so that the ribbons will indicate when the air conditioner is blowing cool air. So where is the class patent attorney who will secure the rights to this "invention" and leave the proceeds in his will to the College on the hill? This copyrighted magazine article will verify that our class has the claim on the GPC indicator. ■ **"Rod" Adams Beetle** responded to Mary Elizabeth's phone call as she was taking Bob for water therapy. She said, "Just say he's 'coming along'; I'm sorry I have to hurry." We're just glad we have a good update before we go to press, since Bob's stroke made it impossible for them to attend reunion this year. ■ Mary Elizabeth had a nice conversation with **Elaine Gavagan Eichorn** before reunion, but it brought regrets that she could not travel the distance to Middlebury for health reasons. Hopefully the Nordstroms will be able to do a NC mini-reunion with her and the Wyants, whose son is also in Charlotte. ■ **Elizabeth Price Kent** was looking forward to a happy reunion with her son, who lives in FL and hadn't been able to visit for three years. ■ Clif and **Jane Drury MacLeod** visited Nantucket Island after reunion. Not much later, they left CA again to attend a Clan MacLeod Society meeting at West Point, where they had a busy three days touring the base, concert going, visiting Hyde Park, and seeing a 91-year-old aunt in Hartford. What stamina! ■ **Bette Bertschinger Saul** gave a glowing account of a cruise that she and Ralph took this summer. It included the Scandinavian countries and stops in Estonia and Russia. Sounded fabulous! For a change of pace, they were planning a trip to Amherst, MA, to "babysit" grandchildren for several days. ■ Peter and **Cynthia Proud Jennings** are "still in Delanson" and entertaining guests, grandchildren included. They planned to travel to Spain and Portugal with friends in October. ■ **Allie Lou Bull** is making steady progress following her reunion weekend triple bypass. She was driving after a month and has started cardiac rehab, including treadmill and bicycle. ■ **Mary Nasmith Means** and **Sheila Schmidt Rowland** have given real meaning to the phrase "a tough act to follow." We all wish them a happy retirement from deadlines, and Mary Elizabeth and Cam look forward to lots of news from the venerable Class of '46!

1947

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert E. Fry (Betsy Hornaday), 405 Vassar Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081; and Mrs. Benjamin W. Heath (Joyce Walsh) (jheath@sover.net), 13 Marble St., Brandon, VT 05733.*

We received several pages of comments and suggestions from members of the Class of '46 after their 50th Reunion last spring. Here's one: "I had never returned to Midd, nor kept up or seen classmates since graduation and it was like magic to take up right where we left off—instant rekindling of friendships. It felt like the years between just vanished. I thought 'you can't go home again,' but I was wrong!" Another said: "Reconnecting with classmates at meals and other places was great and easy. After 50 years, cliques were unimportant. I liked knowing what classmates had accomplished since '46." And another: "My heart swelled with pride as we walked into the chapel for the Convocation and heard the cheers and the cane tapping from all the happy 'youngsters!' 50 years? No way!" So Class of '47, this can be ours. We hope you are making plans for our 50th. ■ **Bobbie Bates Lauterwasser** reported that she met **Shirley Woodward Myers** in June. Shirley would like to find someone in the Boston area driving to Midd for reunion. ■ **Bonny Morse Heisler** has taken nearly a year to recover from a shattered wrist and damaged knee, with surgery for both. Fortunately, she had completed a trip to Paris before she fell. ■ **Scottie Durkee Stillman** had such a great time at Don's 50th two years ago that she can't wait for ours. She is president of the Peterboro, NH, Garden Club and finds that her many responsibilities are coming together better this second year. ■ Jack and **Edie Gordon Dawson**, in Grinnell, IA, are glad to be living in a college town in retirement. Several times each year Edie visits with her daughter in CA and her son and his family in WI. Edie puts her efforts into a hospice program. She recollected the winter night, living in Hillcrest, when **Polly Hodder (Rand)** brought in six-foot icicles and put one in each toilet! ■ **Jean Gunther** is spending all of her free time working a large and complicated counted cross-stitch picture to surprise us at reunion. ■ Committees are meeting, wheels are turning to make our 50th Reunion a grand and glorious affair. We would love 100 percent attendance. Are we reaching for the moon? Just a reminder of the dates—May 29 to June 1, 1997. ■ We are saddened to report the death of our classmate **Marion Bodine Jette** on July 31, after a courageous struggle against ovarian cancer. She is survived by sons James and Scott and by her grandchildren. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to her family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Word has also been received of the death of **Robert J. Lusena** on October 23, 1989, after a long illness. He taught at St. Johnsbury and Worcester academies. We send the condolences of the class to his wife, Josephine, and the family. ■ We must also report the death of **Franklin W. Myers** on July 24, 1996. Our sympathy to his wife and family, including daughter Jane Myers-Hunter, who graduated from Middlebury in 1964.

1948

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kellogg (Marya Steele), 7 Murdock Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Your secretaries are slightly computer-literate, not at all computer-equipped. The alumni editor receives our copy from a virtual typewriter. Since you are not sending news by mail, try the College, by fax or e-mail. ■ We are saddened to refer you to the obituary section of this magazine. We remember **Bruce Stahl** so well and so fondly. ■ Rita and **Sanders Rosenberg** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30, 1996. He writes, "Thanks to Dean Lee, we had our first apartment at the Sargent House on Court Street. We are looking forward to attending my 50th Reunion in 1998, af-

ter having visited the campus in June 1995. It's a joy to return." ■ **Richard J. Pelletier** writes that he is now on oxygen therapy, following several bouts with pneumonia in December and February. He is living at Village House (70 Harrison Ave., Newport, RI 02840), where he can still get around by keeping his oxygen tank with him.

1949

Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and the Rev. Harold Richardson, 39 Spinners Run, South Windsor, CT 06074.*

The Hon. **Norman E. Joslin** writes that he is the past president and chairman of the board of the Association of Supreme Court Justices of the State of New York. ■ **Don** and Pat Salmon '48 **Henderson** are enjoying retirement from Holderness School. They spoke of seeing Tom '51 and **Marilyn Mulholland Jacobs**. Tom was involved with the Olympics and runs a ski shop called the Inside Edge. Pat Henderson mentioned that Don is enjoying two new hips, so he can ski and play tennis. *(Hal Richardson: I wonder if that would do anything for my tennis!)* The Hender-sons saw Sally and **Bob Whittier**, who live in South Hamilton, MA, and they also see Jean and **Paul Kailey**, plus Bruce '51 and Peg Stearns Burdett '50, who live in Sunapee, NH. ■ **Edwin Kania** has been busy, seeking the Republican nomination for state representative from his district in CT. Edwin and wife Mary Ellen live in Cheshire, CT. ■ For the seventh consecutive year, **Charles Puksta** of Claremont, NH, has been elected chair of NH's Dept. of Community Technical Colleges. The commissioner of NHCTC said that Charlie "has devoted his life to the betterment of education and training for NH's work force." After retiring in 1985, Charlie established and directed the Jones-Lamson Technical Center, which has enjoyed worldwide recognition for the training of engineering, manufacturing, and marketing personnel. Charlie and wife Lorraine have seven children, including Juliana Puksta Maglathlin '77, and 12 grandchildren.

1950

Class Secretaries: *Ms. Barbara J. Parker (parkerbj@aol.com), 13 Burnham Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410; and Mrs. Barbara Kraft Packer, 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.*

We have news of some recent accidental crossings stemming from our 1950 Middlebury connections: While testing a prison inmate in Orlando, **Bill Pihlcrantz** discovered that the individual, who hailed from Newport, VT, had appeared twice before Judge **Andrew Pepin**. The prisoner's description of Andy: "One tough guy." In May another tough guy, **John O'Connor**, arm wrestled Bill into paying the bill for their dinner together. ■ **Peter Knight** ran into **Corky Elwell**'s son, **Peter**, assistant town manager of Palm Beach, at a Midd president's reception. Now retired from ALCOA and settled into his wife's hometown of West Palm Beach, Pete has had several careers. After serving in the Naval Reserve for 41 years (and on the U.S.S. *Redman* during the Korean war), he's now an active member of the Navy League and has obtained a real estate broker's license. He and his wife are among many of our class who have enjoyed Elderhostels. Their choices were historical and archaeological journeys. ■ Tod and **Barbara Kraft Packer** hosted a summer Sunday reunion at their home in Summit, NJ. Attending were Dave and **Lura Hallett Smith**, Richard and **Anna Sherwood Young**, Arthur and

A summer get-together in New Jersey brought together 1950 classmates Lura Hallett Smith, Anna Sherwood Young, Barbara Kraft Packer, (standing) Suzie Zatz Rothman, Barbara Parker, and Midd spouses Dave Smith, Tod Packer, Art Rothman, and Dick Young.

Gathering to celebrate the July 27 birthday of Sue Cooke Turnbull '48 were John O'Connor '50, Chris Higgins '83, Gloria Pilini Miller '48, Evan Miller '47, the birthday girl, Phil Turnbull '50, and Martha Turnbull Higgins '85.

Susan Zatz Rothman and **Barbara Parker.** Yet another coincidence: the Smiths and the Youngs discovered that two of their respective children, Scott Smith and Elizabeth Young, work in the research area of Merck & Co. in Rahway, NJ. ■ Claire and **Bob Bennitt** enjoyed their annual trip to Spain to visit daughter Susan Bennitt De Serrano '80, her husband, Javier, and their three daughters. They spent two weeks at their daughter's home northwest of Madrid and a week in Majorca, where they stayed high in the mountains surrounded by citrus groves. They also went sailing while there. ■ **Jim Luke**, a partner in a Wayne, NJ, real estate brokerage, also crossed the Atlantic recently. He visited Jerusalem in the spring to attend a dedication ceremony for a former partner, then went on to Switzerland and France. In August he vacationed in VT. ■ **Cyrus Whitney** and wife Eileen also journey overseas once a year to visit Eileen's family in Ireland. They live near the sea and some great golf links, golf being one of Cy's favorite activities. He and Eileen participate in duplicate bridge tournaments throughout the Northeast, and he continues to be an active leader in the Boy Scouts. ■ At age 47, **Frank Toia** was one of the first people to undergo angioplasty. Given a seven-year prognosis back then, he's still enjoying life in West Orange, NJ, with wife, Rose. He swims several times a week to keep in shape. ■ *Whoops:* It's **Sam Donnellon, Jr.**, who works for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Bet Sam senior got a few calls about that one, especially from an embarrassed class secretary named Parker. ■ **Virginia Orrall Albert** became a *great*-grandmother in August with the birth of a son to one of her five granddaughters. Ginny's question: Is she the first in the class to acquire this honorary status? ■ Our deepest sympathies to **Lois Decker O'Neill** (Canfee Tuosist via Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland) on the death of her husband, **Edward O'Neill**, on September 17, 1995. ■ After a 42-year stay in the same house in Springvale, ME, **Harry (Al) Mapes** has moved 9/10 of a mile away to a post-and-beam house on 10 acres (four of them landscaped, the rest wooded) with a farm pond. Al's son now runs the Mapes oil business, with Dad serving as adviser. Al and wife Polly had a fabulous time in May at his Melrose, MA, 50th high-school reunion. ■ **David L. Peet** attended his first Middlebury reunion in 1995. That summer he also visited France and Spain, "sponging off my children, whom we visit from time to time." In May 1996 he planned to travel by train through the Canadian Rockies. ■ **Barbara Parker** is looking forward to her 50th Ridgewood High School reunion this fall and especially to our 50th in VT in 2000.

1951

Class Secretaries: *Meg Curry Gregg (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and James D. Ross, RD 2, Box 540, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Abigail Haskins Bogie said she had to forego our 45th Reunion, as oldest son Reid was getting married at that time. "I'd love to be there and reawaken all the memories, although many are never far away. Middlebury is a wonderful place to 'grow up' and find your direction!" Gail was struck by the mention of **Larry Sierra** in our column for the spring issue: "One of my first memories of classes at Midd was of Prof. Hitchcock in bio lab coming around asking names. The person on my left convulsed with laughter when he heard my first name: "I never heard such a funny name," says he. Turns out then that 'Yiyo Sierra' was the name *he* was going by! Gail "took early retirement from the psychiatric clinic where I had been for almost 22 years. I am in solo practice in Litchfield—part time, I think." She recently sang for a funeral at which the eulogy was delivered by Janet McLaughlin Hooper '63. ■ **Curt Norris**'s seventh book, *The Man Who Talked to Trees...and More Strange New England Tales*, has been released by his publisher, Covered Bridge Press, North

Attleboro, MA. Curt says that "the title is based on a Middlebury College geography field trip. Two more new books are about to be released, while two out-of-print books are to be reissued. Have lost track of all classmates and frat brothers, except for **Tom Lane, Bill McClintock, Jeanne Dolores Flauss,** and **Al Marshall**. You were a great bunch—wish you all would contact the class secretaries." Thanks for writing, Curt. ■ Congratulations to **Donald E. Axinn**, on whom the State Univ. of NY conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at SUNY Farmingdale's commencement exercises on May 17. We all thank Don and Joan for sharing their home with us for Friday cocktails at reunion. We loved it! ■ We also loved going to **Will** and Marty Belden '52 **Jackson**'s place to party on Saturday afternoon. They were so good to have us. On the sad side, Will's sister, Carolyn Jackson Grube '45, died on June 9 after a short illness. Our sincere condolences go out to Will and Marty. ■ We also regret to report the death of **Harold J. LeClair, Jr.**, on August 7, 1996, and send the condolences of the class to his family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Don and **Meg Curry Gregg** had to run off from reunion on Sunday for another event, at that other college in Williamstown, where Don was to speak. After having finished his tour as ambassador to Korea, Don is now with the Korea Society in NYC. ■ **Jane Hyde Christopher** was with us for reunion and now we're happy to hear that she is making a good recovery from open heart surgery in July. **Jean Maintain Higgins** went down to Atlanta to spend a week with her and reports that she was in good spirits and improving every day. ■ **Carol Osborn Moger** and Harvey enjoyed the beach in Waterford this summer, although it's in the shadow of that closed down nuclear plant. ■ Lots of summer golf, including the Cape, for **Ellie Hight Morris** and Irv '53. ■ **Mary Sellman McIntosh** and Jim toured the West Coast with daughter Sue and family. From all reports, they loved every minute. ■ Expatriots (from Simsbury, that is) Barbara and **Don MacLean** were playing golf in New London, NH, for the summer. Donald, thanks again for helping to make our reunion so much fun. "Maurice Chevalier" and friends must return for the 50th. ■ **Marshall** and **Char Iliff Figgatt** also enjoyed the reunion. Char is still in the travel business and Marshall is partially retired. His knees are giving him grief, but then, what else is new for a lot of us? ■ **Reggie Britton** and wife Eleanor came to their first-ever reunion. We enjoyed hearing about the sailing life on Rochester's Lake Ontario. ■ Remember Jay McInerney's *Bright Lights, Big City* of a few years ago? You might want to read his new one, *The Last of the Savages*. Jay is the oldest son of **Barry** and the late **Marilyn Murphy McInerney**. ■ **Mike Hunt** would like to develop another shopping center in Middlebury on Route 7, where you may remember the Maple Manor Motel. The project is still in limbo with a lot of pro and con feelings and a lot of press coverage by the *New York Times* and the *Boston Globe*. ■ We have learned that **Bunny Scott Templeton**'s husband, Bob, died last year, after a long illness. Bunny is still in the antiques business in Middlebury. ■ Our thanks to **Joan Allen Armour** for assisting in the production of this column, and a big welcome to our new class secretaries, who are waiting for news from YOU at the addresses listed at the head of this column. Be sure to put your secretaries on your Christmas card list!

1952

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Ruth Eldridge Race (Mrs. Peter K.), P.O. Box 103, Boxford, MA 01921; and Bill Barber, 19504 Gallatin Ct., Montgomery Village, MD 20879.*

Chuck Ratté retired in 1991 from his position as VT state geologist. "Spent two great years ('91-'93) as visiting prof. of geology at the Univ. of KY. Became avid fan of UK basketball team. Recently enjoyed visits with former roommate **Clay Butzer** and wife **Barbara (Eckman)**, and **Ray** and Shirley **Ablondi**. Trying to improve my golf game on Hilton Head Is., SC, in winters. The exercise is great, but the score doesn't seem to decrease. I'd like to match my age, but probably won't live that long." ■ On a June Elderhostel trip, **Carol Holmes Phillips** and husband John biked 250 miles, mostly along the Danube River, from Deggen-dorff, Germany, to Vienna, Austria. Carol said the trip was outstanding and they are eager to sign up for another trip next June, perhaps in France. Carol wore her fanny pack from our 40th Reunion and was spotted by a Midd grad in their Vienna hotel! During the summer they anticipated a trip to Phantom Ranch, down in the Grand Canyon. Carol also said that she recently had a good visit with **Emmy Webb Leavitt** at her Cape Elizabeth, ME, home. ■ **Jane Rupp Cooke** and husband Jim highly recommend their Elderhostel trip at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum at Basin Harbor. Jane said that she always regretted not having taken geology at Midd and not focusing more on the history of the lake: "I guess I was always more interested in the mountains!" Jane added that the summer was bringing her a steady stream of company, including twin grandsons, born July 10. ■ I caught **Sally Baldwin Utiger** in the midst of her usual busy summer schedule of tennis officiating. In early August she was going to referee at the National Mother-Daughter Tournament in Providence, RI. She says that she is "still playing, still ranked, and still working." Sally mentioned that **Jean Vaughn Varney** in Alexandria, VA, had visits from **Lee McGowan Allison** and **Louise Erb Mayer**. ■ Also having "frenetic as usual" summer on Shelter Island, Long Island, were **Hal** and **Jeanne Koelsch McGee**. I assume that's because they are still managing the hardware store in that resort area. Jeanne noted that their son-in-law is stationed in Bosnia and their daughter and two grandsons were living with them this summer, awaiting departure for Germany in late August. The McGees escaped the snow last winter with a Panama Canal cruise and a stay in FL. Hal keeps busy with the town council, and Jeanne enjoys tennis, golf, and bridge. They hoped to return to Midd in the fall for Homecoming. ■ Hope you all have our 45th Reunion on your calendars. May 30 to June 1, 1997, are the dates to save.

1953

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. David Clemens (Carol Jennings), P.O. Box 962, Hallstead, PA 18822 (CClemens@epix.net).*

Three classmates send us all "Aloha" from the beautiful islands of Hawaii. Perhaps we should plan a visit to renew old friendships! ■ Still living in Hilo on the Big Island, **Tarley Mangelsdorf Holmes** is working two days a week at HI Volcanoes National Park. Complete retirement was planned for this November in order to concentrate on her and husband John's bed and breakfast, which they've named New Image. They are now "doing only things we enjoy and loving life." Tarley plans to come to the 45th Reunion and asks, "Don't any Midd folks ever get to the Big Island? We'd love to see you." ■ "Aloha" #2 comes from Oahu. **Barbara Whitehouse Jones** retired January 31, 1996, as an editor in the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at the Univ. of HI. Her husband, Rollin, is still a professor there. Their daughter, Kimberly Jones-Weiss, is a second year student in the College of Veterinary Medicine at OK State Univ. She and her husband own seven acres of woodland in Stillwater, OK, enough for their small personal zoo. Kim is the director of the emu farm at OSU and was working on deer studies during the summer. ■ The final "Aloha" comes from **Pete Statler**, who is enjoying life on Kauai. He reports that "Brenda started at Poipu Resort Golf Course." He didn't say whether this was a job, golf game, hurricane, or his wife, but did insist that "the island of Kauai is a must see if your travel takes you to HI." ■ "Hello from the Left Coast" comes from **Howie Rogers** in CA. Howie retired in January '95 but is doing some consulting for the health industry. He takes a major trip each year—last year to Capetown, South Africa, and a motorized safari in Botswana; this year to Ecuador. He skied last winter at Sun Valley, ID, with Bill '52 and Zoe Birren Kirby '52 and was visited by Jim Hutchinson '52 in June '95. Howie has no trouble keeping very busy. ■ **Janet Spurr Cymbala** is preparing to move to Cape Cod to be near daughter Margaret, son-in-law Jon, and especially Caleb, her first grandchild. She plans to continue working part time with the publisher Silver Burdett Ginn. The highlight of her summer was a planned family reunion, the first in 19 years, to be held at her sister's country home in Nottingham, NH. Son Robert was expected to travel from Tempe, AZ, to attend. ■ **Janet Nutt Lembke**'s new book, *Shake Them 'Simmons Down* —poems, recipes and essays on native American trees such as sweet gum, catalpa, sassafras, and

Joanne Kittell Gallagher '55 and David J. Corey '55 (see 1955 column)

persimmon—was published in August 1996 by Lyons & Burford. Her address from March to November is 194 Great Neck Rd., Havelock, NC, 28532, and from November to March remains 210 N. Madison, Staunton, VA, 24401. ■ Your correspondents, **Dave** and **Carol Jennings Clemens**, just returned from a whirlwind 10-day trip in the Yellowstone National Park and Beartooth Plateau regions of WY and MT, traveling with daughter Sarah, her husband Mike (both geologists), and grandchildren Arthur and Laura. We packed a lot of sightseeing and hiking into the time we had and thoroughly enjoyed both our family and that marvelous country.

1954

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson (Nancy Whittemore) Masons Island, 4 Osprey Lane, Mystic, CT 06355; and Mr. M. Richard Davenport, P.O. Box 365, High Falls, NY 12440.*

Karol Baldwin Teiko writes: "Still singing and dancing! Though retired as chorister from the Metropolitan Opera, I am a member of four different choral groups! Ballroom dancing has become my current passion. Jesse and I continue to travel and to enjoy our winters in FL. I plan a June visit to roommate **Cynthia Feindel Ploski** at her new home in Trinidad, CO. ■ We regret to report the death of **Norman Burger** on August 10, 1996. We offer the condolences of the class to his brother, William J.B. Burger, of Pine Grove, CA. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ We are also saddened to report the death of **Kathleen Donohue Hall** on June 23, 1996, in the arms of her husband, **Monroe B. "Mike" Hall**. Kathy and Mike met as freshmen at Middlebury and were married in 1954. Since 1973, they have lived in Belfast, ME, where Mike says she was the driving force during his mayoral campaigns and tenure as mayor. In spite of a stroke in the late 1970s, requiring more than a year of recovery and therapy, she continued to maintain an active community life. Mike says she always managed to do so many things and was always on the go, and that some of his fondest memories of her are associated with their vacation home in Ireland. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. The following poem was written by Kathy's special friend and Friday afternoon helper, Joyce Graves:

Friday Afternoon
for Kathleen, with love

Slowly up the drive
And through the door:
How's your week?
(Our beginning every Friday)
Bits and pieces, you'd say

And so it is...bits and pieces
Come to me now and
Even the seasons of eighteen years
Fade to backlight
How many moments at your
Kitchen table?

How many beds re-made?
How many cloths trailed over
How many different surfaces
Of our Friday afternoons?

How long did we think we had?
(As long as we needed,
I suppose.)

Around the tangle of electric cords,
Above the hum of our industry,
The rhythm of our delight
In the gift we each received:

At the end of the driveway and
Through the door,
To find you
Every Friday afternoon.

1955

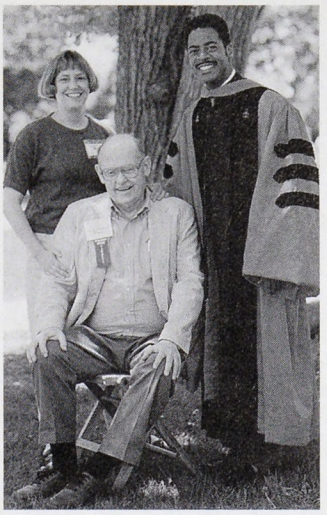
Class Secretaries: *Katherine Hughes von Hartz, 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009 (212/982-7932); and Frank E. Punderson, Jr., 19 W. St., Rutland, VT 05701.*

We note with sadness the passing of two of our classmates: **Burgess Reed** on November 11, 1995, and **Kent "Mo" Weld** on March 24, 1996. Our great sympathy goes out to their families. ■ **John N. Field** has been elected president, CEO, and director of the Green Mountain Bank. Living in Pittsford, VT, with wife Maeve, John is also VP of the Killington Music Festival. ■ **Barbara Blaha Farnsworth** has a beautiful book shop in West Cornwall, CT, specializing in books on gardening and horticulture. Barbara was an editor with McGraw Hill before marrying and raising two children (including son Alexander Farnsworth '85) in New York, London, Brussels, and Paris. After her divorce she was the economics correspondent for the British magazine, *The Economist*, while living in Paris. She moved to CT and opened her book shop in 1978. Her catalogs go to nearly 1,000 serious collectors all over the world. To obtain a catalog, write Barbara Farnsworth Books, West Cornwall, CT 06796. ■ Again, not one classmate has written or called me (**Kathy Hughes von Hartz**) with news, so I'll fill a few lines about myself and **John**. We spent a joyous six days in L.A. celebrating before, at, and after daughter Maria's wedding. Son William baked the cake for 120 guests. He's a computer programmer in Chicago and loves to cook. Maria is still modeling and doing TV commercials and movie bit parts, while pursuing larger roles. We spent Easter weekend with **Jerry** and **Gretchen Rath Doolittle** in their lovely home on the Housatonic River in West Cornwall, CT. In late July we attended a cocktail party at a Lincoln Center penthouse, given by Martin Segal to honor **Mel Gussow** on the publication of his latest book, *Conversations With and About Beckett*. Numerous members of the theatrical community were present. Again, I beseech you, please write me with any news of yourself or a classmate. ■ We have two marriages to report in our class! Congratulations to Elizabeth Goldschmidt and **Win Tremaine**, who were married on May 4, 1996, in Silver Spring, MD, where they reside. Win informs us that Elizabeth is employed with the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, DC. ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** On June 22, **Joanne (Jojo) Kittell Gallagher** and **David J. Corey** were married in Vernon, VT. Among the happy family members celebrating with them were Roger Gallagher '81, Martha Heckman Gallagher '82, and Sharon Corey '88.

1956

Class Secretaries: *John Chase, 2000 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574; Joan MacKinnon Houghton, 422 Taylor Pl., Ithaca, NY 14850; and Lee Goodrich Tupman, 309 Cloverway Dr., Alexandria, VA 22314.*

Our thanks to **Ginny Collins Emerson** and **Maureen Craig Seamans** for devoted service as class secretaries the last five years. Welcome to **Joan McKinnon Houghton** and **Lee Goodrich Tupman**, who join **John Chase** as your new representatives. Please give them your support. **Meme Parsons Salisbury** continues to enjoy singing, particularly at her church in NYC. Daughter Melanie '86 is carrying on Meme's tradition, pursuing a singing career in NYC. Meme is acting as agent for Jean Berger, our former music instructor at Middlebury. She sets up performance dates and visiting professorships, and very much enjoys keeping in touch with him. ■ When you see an ad this fall from AT&T, look for the singing Italian sister, who will be none other than **Di Shulman**. Di is also understudy in an off-Broadway show, *Grandma Sylvia's Funeral*. ■ **Bev Wakins Schoop** is probably the class winner with 16 grandchildren. She and Rolly live near the beautiful Hudson River. Bev does volunteer work, preparing lunch bags for a senior day care center, sits on several boards in the area, and plays a fine game of golf whenever time permits. ■ Look for **Zane Kotker's** next book, coming out from Knopf in April '97. Its title is *Try to Remember*. Zane goes to her office in Northampton each day to write articles, update "Mainstay," and meditate on ideas for her next novel. ■ **Stan Hayward**



Chaplain Emeritus Charles Scott '55 was greeted by his successors at Reunion '96: Laurie Macauley Jordan '79 assumed her duties as chaplain of Middlebury College on July 1, as Howard Fauntroy '89 became pastor of the First Baptist Institutional Church in Detroit.

came to reunion from San Diego, CA, where he and wife Peggy moved recently. The Haywards have become close friends with a Japanese exchange student who lived with them some years back. Stan is looking forward to doing some course work in international studies. ■ **Janis Calderwood** is semi-retired in Pittsfield, MA. She left G.E. several years ago, but still works almost full time for the company on a contract basis. Janice heads for her home in Vinal Haven, ME, at the drop of a hat—when the spring thaw is complete. ■ **Sally Evans Herrmann** and husband Ken live in Atlanta, GA. Needless to say, they had a string of family and friends coming to visit during the Olympic Games this summer. They had tickets already in hand and were especially looking forward to seeing the outstanding U.S. Women's soccer team. ■ **Jeanne Hauselmann Bolvinkel** and husband Erik came from Denmark to the reunion, looking fitter than most of us. They downhill ski in the Alps and hike in Norway whenever possible. ■ **Ron Potier** is trying out the ranks of the semi-retired. He has been advising colleges on international student recruitment. ■ The Sherman Adams Award was presented to **Channing Murdock** at the National Ski Areas Association's national convention in May. The award is presented annually to an individual from the eastern U.S. who has significantly influenced and contributed to the ski industry. Since 1963, when Channing and wife **Jane (Hoge)** opened Butternut ski area in Great Barrington, MA, they have earned several awards, including a first place, Environmental Showcase Award, from *Ski Magazine* in 1975 and the National Ski Area Design award from *Snow Country* magazine for having the best day lodge under $2 million in

1994. ■ **John McDermott** (jmcdermo@lmulaw.lmu.edu) enjoyed our 40th Reunion in June: "It was great seeing old friends, some of whom I hadn't seen since graduation." For further news from Jack, please turn to the 1962 class notes.

1957

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Alexandrine Post Koontz (XanieK@aol.com), 204 Tatoket Rd., Branford, CT 06405; and Mrs. Elizabeth O'Donnell Wallace, 201 Asbury St., South Hamilton, MA 01982.*

After 36 years in the Navy, **Ron Ohslund** "retired" in 1990. Since then he has remarried and now has a son, Chris (born 10/10/90), and a daughter, Allison (12/19/95). "An excellent way to stay young," he writes. ■ **Donald B. Small**, a math teacher in the U.S. Military Academy's math department, recently returned from his seventh trip to Haiti, where he volunteers his services to helping the people. In the early '80s he accompanied a friend who was working on a project to build and cultivate fishponds in Haitian villages. When he discovered that the fishponds weren't working out very well, he realized that projects would be more successful if the Haitians were playing a major role. Thus he came up with the idea of an agriculture vocational school for the Haitians, taught by a Haitian. With the support of the Methodist Church Mission Program, a facility was built and classes began in 1991. As of this June, 36 students have graduated from the vocational school—and have found employment—and there are 36 more enrolled. Don hopes that someday the curriculum will include plumbing and electronics. Don and wife Margaret also sponsor Haitian students and pay for their education. Don enjoys his work for the Haitian people and sees it as "just giving back." He feels very fortunate and says, "I don't think I could ever give enough, in comparison to what I have received from other people in my life." ■ We regret to report the death of **Fred Schneider** on July 16, 1995. As one of a handful of Middlebury alumni admissions interviewers in Puerto Rico, Fred was always on the lookout for quality prospective students for his *alma mater*. He was also very active in the Puerto Rico Golf Association and had become proficient in the rules of golf. He served as one of the head officials for the Puerto Rico Seniors Tournament, enticing some of his Middlebury friends to attend as marshalls. We send the condolences of the class to his wife, Daisy, and all the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

When you see an ad this fall from AT&T look for the singing Italian sister, who will be none other than ***Di Shulman****. Di is also understudy in an off-Broadway show,* Grandma Sylvia's Funeral.

1956

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Class Secretaries: *Stephanie Eaton, 112 Pleasant St., Littleton, NH 03561; Joseph E. Mohbat, (75610.3476@compuserve.com) 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; and Ann Parnie Ormsbee, 1699 Candelero Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.*

Shirley Whitney Juneo writes that she and husband Bob are very happy to report "that we became first time grandparents on February 26, 1996. Our only daughter had a girl, whom they named Whitney Kathleen. Needless to say, I was thrilled! I also became the designated 'Nanny' for 2 1/2 months in Sterling, VA, so that our daughter could finish out her teaching year. What a workout!" ■ Mayo Clinic cardiologist **George Gura** continues to live in Rochester, MN. He writes: "Returned to East Coast to run 100th Boston Marathon in April—but family always concerned an ambulance siren might be for me!" ■ In August 1995, **Alice "Bonnie" Mairs** attended the NGO Women's Conference in China, representing the YMCA of the U.S. Sharing some of her impressions, she writes: "Essentially I learned that women and girls are discriminated against in every country; that the issues we discussed were not just women's issues...['The world of humanity flies on two wings']; the women who attended this conference were mainstream women...; and the YMCA could be playing a much more important role...." "Thinking back on Middlebury in the 1950s, how did we women accept the differential treatment we experienced? I remember that we had to be in at set hours, but men didn't; that we couldn't wear slacks or jeans to class unless the temperature was really freezing (zero, I think, but I may be wrong)." Alice reports that the Woody Jackson cow reunion shirts made another appearance when she (from NYC) and **Rachel Cutter Bender** (from CO), John '57 and **Ginny Havighurst Middleton** (from CT) had a mini-reunion one weekend this summer. ■ **Stephanie Eaton** is still "cavorting in the NH legislative halls, helping to make our state a bettah place to be in." She has been reading Gerry Speuce's *How to Always Win the Argument*, enjoys watching sunsets from her porch, and remembers Middlebury, "where many of the significant juices of life started to stir."

1959

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Anthony Balabon (Kay Shook), 615 Wallace Drive, Wayne, PA 19087; and Dr. Byron H. Koh, 136 Lincoln Ave., Amherst, MA 01002.*

Don Freeman visited Amherst, MA, in June, while he was back east for son Roger's graduation from Harvard as an MBA with high distinction. Roger's wife, Mi-sun Choi, has adopted Don and made him an honorary Korean. Daughter Elizabeth received a doctorate in English from the Univ. of Chicago in August. Wife Margaret, a founder of the International Emily Dickinson Society, teaches at Los Angeles Valley College. Don has the next academic year off to lecture in Europe about metaphor, the topic of his next book. ■ **Richard Kim** has lived in the same house in Shrewsbury, MA, for 32 years. After publishing three novels, he was in a Korean coffee commercial and did several documentaries for Korean TV. He has become an excellent doubles tennis player. Daughter Melissa, a technical writer, is married and living in Portland, ME. Son David heads a Korean-American foundation in Washington, DC. Wife Penny Groll Kim '58 continues as city planner for Northampton, MA. ■ **Richard Gariepy** still lives in his native Barre, MA. For 30 years he has lectured and organized workshops for businesses in all 50 states on motivation and sales. Two sons are married; he has one grandchild. He and wife Shirley, a Univ. of MA graduate, attended several UMass basketball games last winter. Dick said that the freshman composition course he had to take at Middlebury before freshman lit was very beneficial. The instructor made him write extensively and urged him not to put off his writing, which helped him to become less fearful of writing. Dick edited the newsletter, *Action Thoughts*, for 20 years. ■ Canada native **Michael Howe** lives in Ontario and describes himself as "still a bit of a maverick." Mike left Midd after two years to finish at McMaster College as a physics major. After 10 years with IBM of Canada, he worked as associate director of computing at the Univ. of Waterloo. In 1972, he went into business for himself, helping technical companies improve motivation. He has four children and three grandchildren (ages 8 to 13), and is good friends with former wife Nancy Lagergren Howe '58. Mike invites Midd people to give him a call and visit him on the island he owns in Georgian Bay of Lake Huron. He has no electricity in his cabin and canoes more than 300 miles a summer. ■ **Gerry Golkin** still lives in NYC, but he believes it's not the city it was 20 years ago. He has been a stockbroker on the American Stock Exchange for 35 years. His wife is in fashion; daughter Susan is a copywriter for an ad agency; son Andrew is in the stock market. Gerry walks four or five miles a day along East Side Drive. ■ **Dale Everett** has lived in FL since 1989. The owner of a real estate agency, Dale says Florida real estate has come back strongly in the past few years. He and Judy have three sons, the youngest married and living in HI, the oldest married in August 1996. Dale spends hours in his garden tending to 20-year-old camellia bushes. He loves FL weather, because there's an ocean breeze even on the hottest days. ■ **Cosimo Giuffrida** says his electrical contracting company is doing "fantastic" business in Middletown, CT. He handles projects that are too big for the small companies and too small for the big ones, including many for Wesleyan Univ. His three sons are married and he has seven grandchildren. One son is an engineer who works in the family business. Cos stays thin through daily exercise and running the business. He has kept in touch with Fred Bowan, who was a speech professor at Middlebury when we were all there. Now in his seventies, Fred is retired and living in CA. **Hank Moody** also has kept in touch with Fred.

1960

Class Secretary: *Jean Seeler, 5076 Pinnacle Dr., Oldsmar, FL 34677; Rich Wilkinson, 992 Sherwood Forest Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; and Jan Fisher Barstad, 2107 S. Ventura Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.*

Thanks to all who answered my call for help. ■ **Janie Cain Bell** had a hectic summer in Randolph, NJ. In May daughter Katherine graduated from Yale with distinction in English and moved to CA, where she is assistant to the director of the Univ. of CA Press at Berkeley. Janie is field director of the Morris Area Girl Scout Council. Husband Philip, senior associate director of metabolic diseases at Sandoz Pharmaceuticals, is preparing for the merger between Sandoz and CIBA-Geigy. His work takes him to LaJolla, CA, on a regular basis so he gets to see Katherine from time to time. ■ **Dick and Jan**

Krei Bartlett, Bloomfield, NY, both retired last summer. Son Jud graduated from Midd in May '95. Son Steven graduated from St. Lawrence Univ. in May '96. The Bartletts have been traveling—last year to Australia, Key West, and skiing in the West. ■ **Dick Atkinson** reports from Sunapee, NH, that he finished building **Bill French**'s house. Dick and Mary Lou spent part of their vacation with Linda and Bill. When Dick went to his 40th at Loomis in June, he saw many of his old group—**Bob Hall, Bill French, Bruce Burnham, Sandy Smith**, and **Greg Stewart** '63. In August the group gathered again in Springfield, VT, for the '96 Cowshit Festival at John Sinclair's ('62). Reportedly not even the Olympics were able to keep **Bruce Burnham** in Atlanta. ■ **Dave Barenborg**, West Chester, PA, is selling three different businesses to retire (for now). He and Laurie are looking forward to spending winters at the home they bought (on the water and a golf course) in Jupiter, FL. They also plan to spend a lot of time in Seattle, WA, where Sally is in her last year at the Univ. of WA. David '83 is married and has produced two grandchildren. Dana is married and living in Denver. Debbie is back from London after a year in an advanced fine arts course with Sotheby's. Dave visits **Herb Thomas** on his trips to Seattle, and would not miss a Cowshit in VT. They also visited Turkey and Greece, played golf in Ireland, and skied in Breckenridge. They had quite a year. ■ **Gerry Barrington**, Darien CT, continues to make himself available as a learner and teacher through his MarketPlace Ministries. He is a resource for spiritual counseling after the manner of Karlfried Grat Durckheim. He has also reinvented himself as a "world-class" commodity trader—that is, he only trades "world-class" commodities. Daughter Brooke is a freshman at Syracuse Univ. He says that most everyone else has been through all this so they know what he can look forward to. ■ **Sumner "Sam" Webber**'s volunteer work has been recognized by his community. He presided over this year's Old Hallowell (Maine) Day celebration in July and was recognized as Hallowell's Citizen of the Year, just six years after his late father received the same honor. Sam—who is active as a member of Hallowell's city council, on the executive board of the ROW House, the town's historic preservation organization, and chairman of the Dr. Hubbard's Office Museum—retired this year from his social studies teaching position at Hall-Dale High School, after 33 years at the school. Sam and wife Catherine raised two children, Sally and Sumner, Jr. In retirement, the unofficial town historian hopes to spend more of his time exploring the history of his community and its people. ■ Our sympathy to **Debby Hodge**, whose companion, Jim MacCormack, died July 1, 1996. ■ We also send sympathy to **Nancy Phillips** on the death of her mother in March. When she returned from Nepal, Nancy was coming full circle on a spiritual journey. For five years Nancy studied in Kathmandu with Tibetan Buddhists who stress the interrelation of individual and universal energy and the impermanence of all things. "We never know when we're going to die," says Nancy. "It's essential that every moment of our life we live fully, with mindfulness and compassion." ■ **Bay Bellemeur** and his partner, Christine Hodecker, manufacture unique holiday collectibles. They are available at fine gift shops or direct from the plant at 31 Foundry Ave., Meredith, NH 603/279-5016. ■ Your class secretaries are looking forward to receiving your Christmas cards and letters. Thanks and keep 'em coming.

Memories flooded back as Vcevy sang his repertoire of '60s songs. Sleep came easily when the flashing strobe lights in the dawn's early light assured us the Carrick Security was watching over us.

1961

1961

Class Secretary: *Steve Crampton, RR 1, Box 127 Tarbox Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.*

What a great reunion. As luck would have it here in the soggy summer of 1996, reunion weekend's perfect weather served to remind us all of how special Vermont can be. Stories of family, fellow classmates, and 35 years of life's experiences dominated the conversations. Many thanks to social chairpersons **Jane Cram Strekalovsky** and **Roger Christian**. An outstanding job. The weekend began with a reception and dinner at the Waybury Inn Friday evening. The major difference from college days was that our parents did not foot the bill. Golfers, tennis players, and hikers benefited from a beautiful Saturday. A highlight was the poetry reading and hike along the Robert Frost Trail in Ripton. The day was capped off by a wonderful evening hosted by Vcevy '60 and **Jane Strekalovsky**. What a treat. Memories flooded back as Vcevy sang his repertoire of '60s songs. Sleep came easily when the flashing strobe lights in the dawn's early light assured us that Carrick Security was watching over us. A poignant moment was spent remembering those classmates who are no longer with us. And how about the outstanding job that **Carolyn Bennett Wood** and **Jeff Foran** did heading up our class gift committee? Public testament of their efforts came Saturday morning when the Class of 1961 received the Gordon C. Perine '49 Award for the reunion class other than the 25th and 50th with the greatest increase in the class gift, raising $374,835 with 49 percent participation. Kudos to all of you who gave your time and money to make our campaign so successful. Attendance was excellent and included the following class members, along with spouses, significant others, children, and friends: **Carolyn Cooper Bird, Bill Butler, Jerry Carrick, George Chatfield, Roger Christian, Bob Coe, Peter Connal, Frankie Coy, Nick Dabney, Linda Anderson Dalton, Jeannie Rau Dawes, Sally Dougan, Bunny Rondeau Durbin, Rod Falby, Linny Faxon, Charlie Feldman, Jeff Foran, Jerry** and **Carol Nicholson Fryberger, Harvey Gray, Judy Starbuck Hannemann, Bill Hyatt, Doug Jocelyn, Bruce** and **Sondra Johnstone, Cornelia Cummings Kachadorian, Bob** and **Lindy Place Kasvinsky, Lee Kaufman, Jody Lenfestey, Jack Mc Ewan, Brad Mintener, Tim Moore, John Moser, Tee Newsom, Rick Norlin, Paul Palermino, Judy Stern Peskin, Dario Quiros, Janet Reed, Melinda Robart Ryder, Sue Fisher Seeger, Sally Gibbs Shook, Sally Tingle Southard, Pete Spaulding, Roddy Stanton, Carolyn Eyster Steinhauser, Jane Cram Strekalovsky, David Tucker, Debby Terrill Van Dyke, Jack** and **Frannie Blick Westerbeke, Carolyn Bennett Wood,** and yours truly. Sunday featured chapel and the traditional brunch at Mister Up's. Word has it that **Judy Starbuck Hannemann** was unanimously elected social chair for our 40th. Thanks also to Krissa Bolton and her staff for all their help regarding the capital campaign, and to Jackie Pelton '97 and Mo Renganathan '96, our reunion student hosts. I'm sure everyone who attended will attest that the reunion weekend was a great experience—plan to return in 2001 to celebrate our 40th. Hopefully, we can encourage an even greater turnout for that milestone. In the meantime, perennial den mother **Carolyn Bennett Wood** is laying the groundwork for this year's ski trip to Whistler in early 1997. Give her a call or drop her a line to sign up for this annual bash.

1962

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Leslie Dearborn Cronin, 16320 Batchellors Forest Rd., Olney, MD 20832; and James D. Shattuck, 59 Wesskum Wood Rd., Riverside, CT 06878.*

Although Kevin Spacey won the Oscar for best supporting actor, **James Cromwell** was definitely right up there in the running as the memorable Farmer Hoggett, raiser of *Babe*. Everyone who reads *People* magazine will know that James was featured last March, when he was headlined as the "*Babe* star," who "hopes Oscar casts pearl before his favorite swine." James's father, John Cromwell, directed such Hollywood classics as *Of Human Bondage* (1934) in which James's mother, Kay Johnson, costarred. In 1960 his father invited James to spend the summer on the set of a film he was directing in Sweden. It was then that James disappeared from Middlebury and enrolled briefly as a theatre major at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Tech. After performing for 10 years in repertory companies on the East Coast, he motorcycled to L.A. and caught the eye of Norman Lear, who cast him as Archie Bunker's pal, Stretch Cunningham. From there, James went on to be a big star—*Hot L Baltimore* (a 1975 sitcom), the French man-servant in *Murder by Death*, *Revenge of the Nerds*, *Star Trek the Next Generation*, and dozens of other movies. James, who has custody of three teenagers from his first marriage to actress Ann Ulvestad, is married to actress Julie Cobb, daughter of Lee J. Cobb, and lives in Sherman Oaks, CA, when not out on the set. ■ The international law section of the State Bar of CA will soon be announcing its first **Ronald H. Brown** International Writing Competition for CA law students. In addition to a cash prize, the winning entry will be published in the *International Practitioner*, the journal of the international law section. John McDermott '56 is chairing the Ron Brown Writing Competition sub-committee. As John points out, it's "fitting given our 'Middlebury connection.'"

1963

Class Secretaries: *Catherine Deutsch Sands, 5004 Ft. Sumner Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816; and Christopher J. White (crnbrycst@aol.com), P.O. Box 102, Cranberry Isles, ME 04625.*

Wendy Millar Busch writes that "**Gigi Brown Scriggins** and **Donna**

Souter Nunez recently visited me at my home on Lake Erie. We enjoyed a varied musical weekend, taking in a concert by the Cleveland Orchestra and a visit to the newly opened Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Great fun!" ■ **Jenny Squires Wilker** received her doctorate in art history last spring from NYU's Institute of Fine Arts. Her 430-page doctoral dissertation is a study of 20 lithographs by 19th century French artist Honoré Daumier. Now working at Oberlin College, Jenny is project manager for the Allen Memorial Art Museum's production of a CD-ROM presenting the top 350 pieces in its more than 11,000-work collection. Jenny's sons are living in NYC, where Ian is an editor at Macmillan Co., and Josh is a freelance writer. ■ **G. Douglas Crandall** won the 1996 Faculty Teaching Excellence Award at Boston's Emmanuel College, where he is an associate prof. of biology. ■ In NJ, **Jane-Ann Bachelder Johnson** was recognized as Weichert Realtors' top producer for selling the most homes last February. ■ **Chris White** has retired and planned to spend much of the fall at his place in ME. "If anyone is up this way, they can look me up on Great Cranberry Island off Mt. Desert." ■ We send the sympathy of the class to the family of **Bruce Daniels**, who died on May 27, 1996. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1964

Class Secretaries: *Barbara Bailey Hollister, 1347 Stony Brook La., Mountainside, NJ 07092 (bbh@ulysses.att.com); and Robert J. Baskin, 805 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.*

The Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court appointed **Michael E. Mone** to the Committee for Public Counsel Services for a three-year term. Michael is a partner in the Boston law firm Esdaile, Barrett & Esdaile. ■ Still in the residential mortgage business, **Pat Lynch DeMas** now has her own retail branch. "Just got two kittens—it's like having babies around again! Life has been very good to me!" ■ **Perry O. Hanson** was appointed chief technology officer at Williams College. Perry had been the director of information systems and telecommunications at Wellesley College. Prior to that he served as director of the office of information systems at Clark Univ. and as a teacher of geography at SUNY Buffalo, Middlebury, and Clark. Perry's community involvements include membership on the Worcester (MA) Planning Commission and being a delegate to the Central MA Regional Planning Commission. ■ Allergy and Asthma Associates of ME, established by Dr. **Keith Megathlin** in 1975, now has four physicians in the practice and has opened new offices in Bridgton and Augusta. In 1995, Keith was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the American Lung Assoc. of ME. ■ When Michele Vecchiolla received her diploma at Greenwich High School last June, her father, **John Vecchiolla**, got an honorary degree. John was given an honorary diploma for his work over the past four years as chair of a major renovation and expansion project at the school. A $40-million project will include a new science and technology wing to be completed by August 1997.

1965

Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521; and Frederick W. Stetson, 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

Ted Morse wrote on June 25: "In one month, Nancy [**Nancy Adams**] and I are moving to our new home at Mahogany Run, near Megan's Bay in St. Thomas, where both of us are going to work in the Virgin Islands. I am taking over both the chair of the history dept. and director of college guidance at the Antilles School, this year's winner of the Presidential Blue Ribbon for academic excellence. Nancy is going to work for the Computer Online Company, the company which is primarily responsible for the shops, hotels, and tourism in the U.S. Virgins." Their new address is The Antilles School, Frenchman's Bay 16-1, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802.

1966

Class Secretaries: *John Rehlen, The Manse, P.O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735; and Charlotte Stetson, 10 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Jim Cadenhead is retiring this year, after 25 years of government service in NY state. "Future plans include travel (a seventh trip to Paris, as well as a seventh cruise on the *QE2*), pursuing painting and writing as newly discovered hobbies, and seeing more operas at the Met." ■ Dr. **Stephen Curtis** was named president of Hudson Valley Community College in NY this June. He had been visiting prof. of music at the Aaron Copeland School of Music at Queens College, and served as acting president of Queens College and Manhattan Community College. ■ **Mark O'Reilly** (970/453-6900) recently took a new job with Highlands Management Group, as VP and project manager of the Highlands at Breckenridge, CO, a master planned golf course community. ■ **Michael Keefe** has been elected to the board of directors of Aurora Univ. in IL. Michael is president and CEO of Keefe Real Estate Inc. in Lake Geneva, IL.

1967

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Susan Davis Patterson (spatters@moose.uvm.edu), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and David E. Robinson, 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.*

Jeffery Van Zandt has been promoted to operations manager, a new executive position at Gibbs Wire & Steel Co., Inc., in Southington, CT. Jeff has been with the company since 1967. He served as warehouse manager for three years at Gibbs-Dallas and as outside salesman in New England. He became district manager based in CT in 1986. ■ The Class of '67 is networking, capitalizing on e-mail to arrange even bicoastal visits. In June, **Marion Boultbee** and husband Bill Smith traveled to the Northwest on a trip, which included a dinner in Seattle with Doug and **Marcia Bloom Stevenson**. **Sandy Marvinney, Lori Parker**, and Misha and **Dillon Jackson**. With Marion out west, **Tom** and **Susan Davis Patterson** ventured down from northern VT to the Big Apple and moved right into Bill and Marion's apartment in Chelsea. Anne and **Ford Cole** came in from Fairfield, CT, to take them on an FBI tour of Little Italy gangsta' spots and teach them to deport themselves as urban predators, rather than prey. They also enjoyed a dinner out with Mary and **Alex Taylor** and Emile and **Susan Freier Geisenheimer**. A month later, the Coles and Boultbee-Smiths returned the favor of a visit to the Patterson cabin on Lake Dunmore for the weekend of the Class of '67 Picnic. Also attending, on a rare dry and partly sunny day during the monsoon summer of '96, were **Bill** and **Sue Schweickert Macy, Gary Margolis** and son Sam, **Freddy Mahlmann, Craig Ehrich**, Brett Millier and **Karl Lindholm** and baby Peter, and **Dwight** and Judy Enright '66 **Dunning**. The advance team for the Dunmore picnic consisted of **Livvy Barbour Tarleton** and **Margot Childs Cheel**, arriving mid-week to hike, sail, and swim with Susan Davis Patterson in the Moosealamoo rainforest of VT. The picnic group brainstormed our 30th Reunion activities—from a class dinner at the Dog Team to sharing issues from the heart to volleyball games on the quad and music by classmates under the Class of '67 tent. Make sure you're with us! ■ *Ed. note:* Although Susan failed to inform us, other sources have let us know that **Tom Patterson** has won the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences 1996 Joseph E. Carrigan Teaching Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching at UVM. Congratulations, Tom!

1968

Class Secretaries: *Nancy Brooks Richardson, 6 Cameron Rd., Wayland, MA 01778; and David Weinstein, P.O. Box 414, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.*

On St. Patrick's Day, six former Batt North freshmen now living in MA held a mini-reunion. **Nordis Glasoe, Jean Dithmar Myer, Marcia Lipsett Stein, Linda Burley Glaser, Laurie Brown,** and **Nancy Brooks Richardson** gathered in Wayland at Nancy's house for lunch and general catching up. Among us we truly represent babyboomer women. Several of us have pursued careers in formerly traditional male arenas. Lots of math majors in this group! We have experienced six marriages, three divorces, one remarriage, and seven children, five of whom are college age or older! ■ News from **Bob ("Bud") Weiser** (bobwei@maine.maine.edu): "I'm starting over! Took early retirement from my position of treasurer and chief financial officer at Bangor Hydro Electric Company (had worked there 17 years), scrambled to take 'prerequisite' undergraduate courses this past school year and was accepted to a very competitive master's of social work program at the Univ. of ME. So I am on track to become a licensed clinical social worker for my NEXT career. Hard to fathom that this September I will again be a full-time student for the next two years. Sometimes I wonder where my sanity went when I think about a COMPLETE 're-tooling' at the half century mark! My daughter, Heidi, is carrying on the capitalist work of the family as a CPA with Deloitte and Touche in Boston, and Scott is a psychology major at the Univ. of ME. Gee, we may even graduate together!" Bud's wife, Marsha Monahan Weiser '70, a certified decorative artist, has published three design books and numerous design packets for national distribution. When Marsha gives painting seminars, Bud says he often attends "as the 'accompanying spouse'—i.e., no stressful responsibilities: just read, work out, lounge around the pool, and give moral support to her." And he closes: "So I don't feel like I've gone out on a limb alone, I challenge you all to *embrace* some major change and take a LEAP. It's a RUSH! (But not a Limbaugh one, at least not in my new profession.) Cheers to you all." ■ **Art Coolidge** (coolidge@ jeffnet.org) would enjoy hearing from classmates at his e-mail address. He messages from OR: "Been continuing my post-Middlebury education with Fire Fighter's Academy, hazardous materials, and First Responder classes as a volunteer fire fighter with the local fire district. While there have been a few

exciting times in wildland fire fighting, the real rewards have been in—sometimes literally—touching people's lives. Perhaps the rewards are a reaction from the impersonal embedded systems (computer) programming and system design as an electrical engineer (Monash Univ., Australia, B.E., electrical, '81). Sheep (wool=soft WEAR) and computers (softWARE) comprise the activities of "Software-Squared," while most of the time is taken up with about 80 sheep and 35 beef cattle.

1969

Class Secretaries: *Juliane Wallace, 142 Central Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042; and William H. Hearne, 324 Ayrault Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.*

Featured in the June 9 *Boston Sunday Globe*, **Terry Pindell** was typing away on his next best-seller. With an M.A. in English from Penn State, Terry taught at Keene High School for about 10 years, while raising two daughters and getting involved in campaigns for Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis. It was the 1986 death of his father, a railroad man, that prompted him to quit his job in 1988 and begin riding trains. His travels resulted in his first book, *Making Tracks: An American Rail Odyssey* (1988). While he was busy writing his second book, *Last Train to Toronto: A Canadian Rail Odyssey* (1992), he grew less satisfied with life in Keene, NH, and began a search for a better place to live, resulting in (you guessed it!) *A Good Place to Live: America's Last Migration*. Now divorced and contemplating topics for future books, his fourth book, on Mexico, is due out this fall. Sounds like he might head for the extreme Northwest for his next book.

1970

Class Secretary: *Andy Wentink (andy@bccls.org), P.O. Box 356, Hohokus, NJ 07423.*

Donald L. Jones hoped to become the Republican candidate for the House District 57 nomination in ME. A former budget analyst for the state of MI and for the ME judicial system, Don is active in local land use and planning committees and serves as vice chair of the Mid Coast Regional Transportation Advisory Committee. ■ **Douglas Haneline** has been elected to the 25-member MI Humanities Council, a private, nonprofit MI affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. An English prof. at Ferris State Univ. since 1984, Doug has been a key player in the expansion of the Humanities Council of West Central MI from a one-county focus to a regional effort in five counties since the late '80s. He has also served as president of the regional council and as project director for its programs. Prior to joining the faculty at Ferris, he taught at Dakota State College in SD and OH State Univ.

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Nancy Brooks Richardson

1968

1971

Class Secretary: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (Thornton@spectra.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; and Mr. Barton M. Hall (barth@ncatfyv.uark.edu), 20304 Center Rd., Winslow, AR 72959.*

John Winship planned to major in English when he came to Middlebury, but during our second year he changed his mind. According to a recent profile in the Brunswick (ME) *Times Record*, John was "so impressed with the new art building and the amount of personal attention I received that I changed my major to art." He later moved to southeastern PA to help a friend build a house, and it was in this landscape where John found himself selling his first oils to pay the rent. Even back in the late '70s, he felt that the most "interesting stuff I did was with old photographs." And that is still the case. John feels drawn by "the psychological undertow" of old photographs, which leads him to paint the story that is "buried in the image." His paintings convey the feel of a time passed by and the relationship between viewers and the picture's content. Some of John's recent works were exhibited at O'Farrell Gallery in Brunswick, ME, this July. ■ **Mryka Hall-Beyer** (mhallbey@acs.ucalgary.ca) e-mails, "Wasn't reunion fun? I have now completed the move I was planning then, and am now assistant prof. of geography at the Univ. of Calgary, Alberta. I'm still trying to absorb the sheer prosperity of the place! Anyway, my new address is 3324 24th St. NW, Calgary AB T2M 3Z7 (403/284-1621) and I have a guest room. It's only 45 minutes to the mountains from here, and I'm already starting to explore them. Anyone who wants to help out is welcome." ■ **Jim Mentel** invites everyone to visit his new Web site at http://ghs1.greenheart.com/jrmentel (his e-mail address is JamesrM705). "Check it out and let me know what you think. Criticism is valued." ■ **Steven Kohl** (usfwsia@igc.apc.org) recently spent five weeks in Antarctica as one of six U.S. inspectors of other countries' compliance with the environmental provisions of the International Antarctic Treaty. Steven's position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service involves frequent international travel. A French major at Midd, he pursued graduate studies in Russian and studied Chinese for 10 years before launching a wildlife program with China. He now travels frequently to Russia, China, and AK, to oversee bilateral cooperation with both countries in such areas as migratory birds, marine mammals, fish husbandry, wildlife refuges, and endangered species. He was on the Middlebury campus in 1992 for the U.S.-Canada-Russia-China Migratory Bird Conference. Although he was unable to attend reunion, he says that he still has "an occasional game of bridge with Middlebury partners from 25 years ago!"

1972

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Hamlin Church (jhchurch@sienahts.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and Judy Wingham, 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.*

Linda Reeves Pettit has been appointed VP for university relations at St. Lawrence Univ. in Canton, NY. Linda was VP for development at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, last year and, previously, had served for 10 years at Sage College in Troy, NY. While there, she led a team in doubling the institution's annual fund. ■ Congratulations to **Robert Parlow** and Sara Hooker Gardner, who were married on June 30, 1996. ■ **Dori Wood Fulk** checked in recently from upstate NY (about halfway between Elmira and Corning), where she is busy with various home-based occupations. She is coordinator of the Cheming River School Project, a multidisciplinary program in several local schools that incorporates language arts, fine and performing arts, and natural and social sciences in a study of the Chemung River. She also works as a consultant with Discovery Toys, which means "I get all the educational toys, books, and games for my kids, not to mention great educational software—and a few nights out every once in a while so I can talk in complete sentences to adults!" Dori and husband Steve, who supports the PC networks at Corning, Inc., live on five acres of land with daughter Jennifer (5 1/2) and son Michael (4 this coming New Year's Eve). "Both kids have terrific imaginations," Dori writes, "but Jennie is the ringleader—think of Jo in *Little Women*!" Dori invites visitors to the area (Finger Lakes, wineries, Corning Glass Museum, etc.) to stop and say hello. And she's looking forward to our 25th Reunion. ■ We hope YOU are, too. Can it be almost a quarter of a century since we graduated? 28 years since we showed up as freshmen? What a long, strange trip it's been! Make sure the trip ahead includes a stop at Middlebury this spring.

1973

Class Secretaries: *Robert L. Badger (badgerrl@potsdam.edu), 16 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676; and H. Kit Fuller (hkf@igsdn010.cr.usgs.gov), 4600 Cloud Ct., Boulder, CO 80301.*

Our thanks to Stephan Wilkinson for the following good news: My wife—**Susan Crandell**—would never be crass enough to boast about it herself, but I'm very proud of the fact that she is now the executive editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, the largest and most important women's magazine in the country." We'll be appreciating your work in the *LHJ*, Susan. Congratulations! ■ **Guy Kettelhack** asks: "Anybody else freaked out by being 45? (I've grown my hair long again.)" He reports that "of the various books I keep loosing onto an unsuspecting public, the two that mean the most—and that have the best chance of scaring the horses and various Midd alums—are: *Dancing Around the Volcano* (freeing our erotic lives, decoding the enigma of gay men and sex; Crown, October 1996) and *Shadows of the King* (the secret bonds between gay men and their fathers; Crown, 1997/1998). A proto-version of *Volcano* was the source of a talk I gave at the 1994 gay/lesbian/bisexual conference at Middlebury." ■ **Linda Laursen Toscano** was tending the home fires this summer with daughters Caroline (15) and Courtney (2), while husband Nicolas made three trips to Spain to teach and attend conven-

tions. Son Pepe (21) is a student at Binghamton. ■ **Jacqueline Shepard Guillette** is "half-way through a degree from UNH to become certified as a school superintendent. My oldest stepdaughter got married in October 1995. Son Jonathan is graduating from Hanover High School this June and will go on to college in Boston. Time flies!" ■ **Terry McGuirk** has been appointed chairman of the board at Westminster School in Atlanta. ■ In November 1995, **Deborah Sampson Shinn** adopted a daughter, Miranda Wu Shinn (born March 2, 1995), from an orphanage in Anhui Province, China. "She's a delightful little spirit and has brought much joy into my heart and home." ■ **George Schirtzinger** moved to Dallas in 1991. He reports that he likes living in Dallas so much that since leaving Hughes Electronics to become president of a small manufacturing company in CA, he *commutes*! "These are interesting times," as he puts it. ■ **Lisa Lloyd Hobson** has been living in Tempe, AZ, since 1978. "Husband Bill is an attorney in a small private practice. I work as an administrative assistant (quasi-administrator) in a huge middle school. Our kids are Elizabeth (14) and Richard (12). Both are avid soccer players. Richard's club team won AZ under 12 state cup. We are off to regionals in Casper, WY, on June 15." ■ **Richard Rahn** sends his first update in 26 years: He lives with wife Catherine and son Andrew in Boulder, CO, has an MBA from the Univ. of CO, and invites e-mail to rdrahn @aol.com. He has worked in computer and aerospace industries and is now a director at the JIT Institute, working with Fortune 500 companies teaching and implementing Japanese management and manufacturing techniques. He does a lot of traveling and is still practicing Tibetan Buddhism and guitar—wondering when he'll get them right.

1974

Class Secretary: *Barry Schultz King, P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766.*

My wife—Susan Crandell—would never be crass enough to boast about it herself, but I'm very proud of the fact that she is now the executive editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, *the largest and most important women's magazine in the country."*

1973

Congratulations to **Stephanie Palmer**, who is the first woman to be appointed executive director of the New York City Mission Society in its 184-year history. Stephanie was formerly the executive director of the Human Services Council of NYC. Her career reflects a commitment to service to the disadvantaged through advocacy and the provision of direct service. The Mission Society serves 16,000 New Yorkers annually with the city's first organized system of relief distribution, first branch libraries in impoverished neighborhoods, first visiting nurse service, and first summer camp for African-American children. ■ **Kim Head** made a brief visit to Middlebury in August, accompanied by her son Adam (5). Kim splits her time between her home in Richmond, VA, where husband Barry works in banking, and the Arlie Foundation in Warrenton, VA, where she is actively involved. Kim reports that **Mary O'Neil Diamond** lives outside Washington, DC, with her husband Bruce and children Martha, Jessie, and John. Kim's trip north included a stop at the Noroton, CT, home of Brad and **Bobbie Burchenal Landers**. The Landers, who both work for IBM, have four children: Matt (12), David (10), Wells (7), and Kathryn (5). ■ **Peter Harris** and family are thriving up in Derby Line, VT, where Peter is a primary care physician and wife Louise teaches third grade. Their three children are Megan (18), Mandy (16), and Abby (14). In addition to soccer and cross-country skiing, the family is very involved in maple syrup production. Last spring they made 1,500 gallons from their 6,000 taps! Peter admits they had plenty of help. Peter drove to Middlebury with Megan this fall when she became a first-year student. ■ Also heading to Middlebury this fall, but only as a visitor, was Jessica Pulver (16), who has started the college search. Jessica is the daughter of **Mitch** and **Sheila Bamford Pulver**. Mitch is both a private practice psychiatrist and the head of the psychiatric unit at Leonard Morse Hospital (Newton, MA). Sheila is a freelance editor specializing in textbooks. Son Daniel (12) is busy with soccer and Jessica is on the debate team. ■ **Carol Simmermacher Smith** (smith@kestrel.edu) messages: "On our vacation this summer we stopped in Paris for a few days and had dinner with **Nancy Vaughan O'Neal** and her family. They were packing to return home to Clinton, NY, after living in Paris for two years, but hosted us in their beautiful French apartment. We were on our way for a week of hiking in Switzerland. Also, wonderful news from **Anne DuVivier** and Bo Green about the arrival of their baby boy, Wills." ■ After a few years of job-sharing, **Amy Howlett** is back in her full-time position as the regional librarian for VT's S.E. Regional Library. Amy lives in Grafton, VT, with husband Willie Hofmann and children Charlie (8 1/2) and Laura (3 1/2). Willie teaches business courses at Merrimac College. ■ A new Vermonter is **Mary Lee-Clark**, who writes: "I'm back in VT, serving as pastor of Second Congregational Church in Bennington. Our new address is 224 Washington Ave., 05201. Come visit us!" ■ In Jackson, WY, **Tom Montgomery** is a steady customer at Betty Rock Coffee House and Cafe, owned and operated by Middlebury's own Marc Hirschfield '88 and wife Anise Morrow. When not enjoying Betty Rock's regular blend coffee and turkey chili, Tom is a fishing guide and photographer. Kudos to Tom for his flyfishing photographs in the summer issue of this magazine, including the cover shot of Peter Burton '66. ■ If you'd like to hear from more classmates in these class notes, here's an invitation for you. Why not join me as class secretary? There are supposed to be two in each class, but somehow I'm flying solo right now. I'd love to have some help! Contact me or the College to volunteer or find out more details!

Class of '76 Russian students gathered at Prof. Alexandra Baker's home (see 1976 column)

1975

Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown (72437.1164@compuserve.com), 1 Roseland Rd., Worcester, MA 01609; and Tony MacDonald, 150 12th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.*

Ralph Gardner wrote the cover article for a recent issue of *New York Magazine*. Entitled "Give Me Harvard or Give Me Death," it's about the pressure on NYC private school students to get into an "elite" college. One guidance counselor in the article observed that parents feel that "unless their kids get accepted by one of a dozen or two elite colleges—the Ivy League plus Williams, Amherst, Swarthmore, Middlebury, Stanford, Duke, and so on"—they won't be competitive in the job market. Ralph also writes a weekly column for the *New York Observer* and a monthly column, "The Unrepentant Voyeur," for *Penthouse*. ■ **Barb Booth** (Beneficial Farms, Ojo de la Vaca, Santa Fe, NM 87505) sends her regrets that reunions take place during the peak season for farmers. Barb and her new partner, Steve Warshawer, manage a biodynamic Community Supported Agriculture farm outside of Santa Fe. Barb's daughter, Celeste, is nine. ■ **Gary Bleakly** would love to hear from fellow DUs and '75ers. In 1991 Gary moved to San Diego with wife Laurie, and their children, Jennie (19), Garrett (14), and Timmy (10). Jennie works at a salon in LaJolla, where Garrett is a freshman at the Bishops School and Timmy attends the Evens School. Gary reports keeping in touch with **Bob Keller**, who lives in NJ with his wife and two daughters. ■ **Dale Brilliant** (10 W. Rittenhouse Sq., #1403, Philadelphia, PA 19103), who has worked for Xerox for the past 20 years, is now the national sales manager for Document and Data Services. Dale would love more news from the Sunderland crew. ■ For the past eight years, Kate and **Wes Brooks** (Burnside Estate, B-4, 9 South Bay Road, Repulse Bay, Hong Kong) and family have lived in Hong Kong, where Wes works for Morgan Bank. They hope to move back to the States in 1997. Wes reports flashbacks to SLUG intramural hockey games when coaching sons Peter (13) and Charlie (11). Wes and Kate also have two daughters, Sarah (9) and youngest Molly. Our thanks to Kate for sending along their news. ■ **Jeffrey Moon** recently changed jobs, "leaving Amtrak's law department to become head of litigation for a large nonprofit corporation in Washington, DC. That, along with a son (5) and a daughter (7)—who

can already do 50 meters of butterfly (clearly by virtue of my wife's genes rather than mine)—pretty much takes up my time." ■ Congratulations to Elizabeth Eubank and **Randall Stern**, who were married on May 11 in Scarsdale, NY. Randy is a managing director at Burnham Securities in NYC; Elizabeth is a NY fashion consultant for Harvey Nichols of London. ■ Berkeley resident **Libby Sayre** led a successful drive to unionize about 3,700 research professionals at the Univ. of CA. The research professionals have joined the 3,800 technical employees, who voted to join UPTE-CWA in December 1994. ■ **Constance Carroll** is a research associate for the State Commission on the Restoration of the Capitol in Albany, NY. Her article on the building's stone carvings of animals and birds common to the state in early days appeared in the June/July issue of *The New York State Conservationist* magazine. She points out that vandalism and weathering have made some of the animal sculptures "endangered species" themselves.

1976

Class Secretaries: *Marion Adler, 530 N. Linden, Oak Park, IL 60302; Jennifer Cogswell, 6 Overlook Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; and John M. Henderson, 131 Martin Rd., Concord, MA 01742.*

When I (**Jennifer Cogswell**) returned from the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and and **Jack Henderson** got home from a business trip to Brazil, we were both dismayed to learn that we had but one weekend to compile our first ever class notes! Luckily, **Marion Adler** had agreed to stay on one more term to help train the two new, green and incorrigible secretaries. Before we start, however, we want to thank Marion and **Bill Kubarich** for their efforts in keeping our class in touch over the past five years. Also, thank you to **Jill Cowperthwaite** and **Paula Daukas** for organizing and chairing our 20th in June, when we caught up with many friends throughout a gorgeous weekend in Middlebury. ■ Clearly, **Robin Wonnacott David** and **Nancy (Noochie) Clark Herter** had quite a laugh while stuffing the ballot box for the election of new class secretaries. We demanded a recount but to no avail. We promised that if we didn't hear from people we would simply invent outrageous stories (starting with Robin and Noochie). Little did we know that some true stories would be beyond our wildest imaginations! ■ For example: **Rick Maeder** made the cover of the Addison County newspaper on the Monday after reunion. Rick had stopped off in Bristol to visit **John Pandiani**, former prof. of sociology, and the two were sitting out in John's garage admiring John's restored Triumph MGB when a rabid raccoon snuck up and latched onto Rick's heel! Animal control officers who responded to the call were overheard commenting that it wasn't clear if the raccoon was rabid before he bit Rick or only after. ■ Other news includes **Robert Gober**'s success story as a famous sculptor. Five years ago he was invited to show at the prestigious Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, in Paris. The popularity of his works, such as his huge handmade plaster and porcelain sinks, bringing $200,000 at auction, has lifted the prices of some dollhouses he made in the years immediately after Middlebury. The *Wall Street Journal* (May 24) reported one of Bob's dollhouses (built in 1979) brought $63,000 at auction. ■ **Sue Hoegberg** has moved from Chevy Chase to Takoma Park, MD. ■ Obstetrician **Gregory Moore**'s first book for the popular press (with co-author J.P. Guerrieri) was published in May: *You and Your Pregnancy* (Health Ed. Literary Publisher, Westbury, NY). ■ Sue and **Jack Henderson**'s daughter, Sarabeth (8), and son, J.B. (6), welcomed their new baby brother, James Clark Henderson, on June 20. The Hendersons join other classmates, such as **Paula Daukis** and **John Woods**, to prove that slightly older parents can still be very productive. Sophie, Paula's latest addition, came with her to our 20th. ■ **Gregory Venne** chose to leave Polaroid after 10 years to take a summer sabbatical for writing a book. As fall approached, he wrote that there were lots of job opportunities, but he wanted to put the finishing touches on his book. ■ **Edie MacAusland Mabrey** reports that she is busy with life and shepherding her athletic children to events all over New England and the country. ■ Meb and **Mark Gordon** and son Albert traveled all the way from London, England, for our 20th. ■ **Harry Blackman** is still acting and attending the Yale Divinity School in the fall. ■ **Ann LaFrance** has been named chief counsel of international regulatory affairs for MCI in Washington, DC. Ann was formerly a partner with Squire, Sanders and Dempsey's international telecommunications group. ■ **Jennifer Cogswell** is handling publicity, location managing, and shooting production stills on a movie called *Home Before Dark*, starring Katherine Ross of *The Graduate* fame, being shot in Boston. ■ News briefs: **Peter Minowitz** is a political science prof. and jazz pianist on the side; **Harry Roberts** is a coach and does equipment appraising; **Betsy Baetjer Mayer** is teaching; **Ben Stone** is a scientist (surprised?); **Todd Wadsworth** is a president of Mortgage Banking Co.; **Rosalind Walrath** is in investment banking; **Paul Waterman** is in film and video production in OR; **Halstead Wheeler** is a private investment manager; **Carol Schnabel** is a weaver and does volunteer work. For more news, get a copy of the 20th Reunion Newsletter. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* Gathering at the home of Prof. Alexandra Baker on South Street on June 1 were Russian students **Scott Thomson, Christie Rentsch de Moraga, Debra Smith Bénard, Alice Raymond Thomson** (kneeling), **Jay Nordby, Pam Marsh, Marie Zehngebot, Jane Crandall Kontrimas**, Prof. Baker, **Peter Kristoph**, and **Gail Buyske**.

The Wall Street Journal *(May 24, 1996) reported one of Robert Gober's dollhouses (built in 1979) brought $63,000 at auction.*

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Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Virginia L. Jones (giniajo@aol.com), 250 County St., Taunton, MA 02780; and William R. Thickstun (xwrt@zorba.info.sunyit.edu), 76 Utica St., Clinton, NY 13323.*

George Carr, a sculptor based near Washington, DC, cites David Bumbeck for encouraging his development as a figure draftsman. He holds an M.F.A. from SUNY/Albany, where he was the sole realist sculptor in the program. Assisting Raymond Kaskey as "ghost sculptor," George has helped complete eight monumental public commissions for sites in cities around the U.S. This March, he installed his own bronze sculpture at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He has also been commissioned by the Basilica of the National Shrine for the Immaculate Conception in DC to create a monumental relief in carved marble, scheduled for completion in 1997. ■ **Whit Shepard** is head of the Lise Division of Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey, where he has been teaching math since 1983. ■ In Orlando, FL, the Honorable **James G. Glazebrook** was honored upon his retirement as U.S. Magistrate Judge for the middle district of FL on June 20, 1996. ■ T-shirt orders have been picking up for the screen-printing business Yankee Neighbors, started by co-secretary **Ginni Jones** and her partner and neighbor, Lisa Gregg. Ginni is also scheduled to have two of her quilts published in *Traditional Quiltworks* for Christmas this year. ■ **Jon "Cookie" Cook** (3603 Knightsbridge Close, Worcester, MA 01609) left the U.S. Army "just in time to avoid being deployed to either Bosnia, Haiti, or some other desert environment." He's working at the Fallon Clinic in Worcester, MA. Cookie regrets not getting up to Middlebury for last June's Heineken era football reunion. ■ **Steve Ongley** and wife Laurie had a baby girl, Jennifer Evelyn Ongley, on June 27, 1996. "Mom and baby are both healthy, although of course baby is gaining energy and mom is losing it." ■ **Felix Batista** called in recently after returning from Guatemala, where he'd been meeting with the president and vice president about security. He is a consultant on matters ranging from product tamperings to kidnappings. ■ **Laurie Ferguson Brownell** (P.O. Box 150, Andover, NH 03216, lferg@kear.tdsnet.com) was divorced last summer, because husband David became a Jehovah's Witness. Based on "what I've learned about this cult, I'm working on several articles, talks, and hopefully a book someday about the experience. Scary stuff. Who ever thought this is how I would be spending my time?" She's also working on a book with four-color photography about NH-made products. Writing out of her home leaves her time to spend with her two boys, Bucky (7) and Canon (3), both skiers who "love growing up in rural NH." ■ **Barb Kritchevsky** is beginning her 14th year as a law school professor at the Univ. of Memphis. She teaches constitutional law, criminal law, federal courts, and civil rights, but her chief interest of late is coaching moot court. Her team won the Wagner Competition at New York Law School this year. In her spare time, she has been training the youngest of her three dogs, a Belgian Tervuren, in obedience, with the expectation that she will enter him in shows next year.

1978

Class Secretaries: *Michael Abend (mikeabend@aol.com), 119 Maple St., Carlisle, MA 01741; Kevin D. O'Leary (mrdithers@aol.com), 4912 Denny Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91601; and Helen Cooke Pyne, 69 Stern La., Atherton, CA 94027.*

Elaine Watson announces that "Chevron has transferred me to the Lone Star State!" She is now in Houston (14814

Perthshire Rd., #198, 77079) working on a Business Support Center serving dealers and jobbers nationwide. Elaine has been recalling fond memories of her Midd friends. "Maybe this is a Midd-life crisis" she says! ■ **Carole Ryder**, husband Gary White, and daughter Ansley (4 1/2) welcomed Ryder Winston White on March 30, 1996. Carole is hoping that "being a new mom at almost 41 will be assurance against a mid-life crisis!" Their new address is 17 Edes Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021. ■ We always hear from **Paul Aaronson** when he moves or adds to his family. This time it's both! Daughter Molly Georgia joined her three brothers (ages 9, 7, and 3) on September 9, 1995, and a larger home was in order (20 Cumberland Rd., Kew, Surrey, England). Still with Morgan Stanley in London, Paul has issued a new investment product (WEBS), which is off to a flying start. ■ Major (Lt. Col. select) **John Sowdon** is returning to the U.S. after five years in the Far East—three in Japan and two in Korea. John, wife Hiede, and sons Jamie and William are on their way to Scott AFB in IL, where John will be providing intelligence to the Air Mobility Command (AMC) worldwide. Welcome home, John. ■ **Wendy Grant Walter** and husband Dave are moving into their new home along Lake Washington in Seattle (3140 E. Laurelhurst Dr. NE, 98105), with son Doug (3 1/2) and daughter Bronwyn (2). Wendy has been at home with the kids since leaving her job with the U.S.G.S. as an earthquake seismologist two years ago. They are avid sailors and try to get out on Puget Sound at least every Tuesday evening, with hopes of longer trips as the kids get older. Wendy also reports that **Tom Weeks**' name keeps popping up in the papers. Tom was, until recently, a member of the Seattle City Council. ■ Congratulations to **Peter Culman** and Susan Marie Carmody who were married on August 3, 1996. ■ **Lynn Warner** (catino@airastur.es) (c/Menendez Valdes, 40-2+ Izq., Gijon, Asturias 33201 Spain) e-mails that she loves reading the MiddMag to keep up with the school and classmates. She has been living in Spain for about 15 years. She and husband Constantino Garcia Palacios have two sons, Adrian (8) and David (6). She teaches EFL and does translating and examining for several European exam centers. U.S. visits are limited (every two or three years), so she sends greetings to **Joyce Rowe Cassidy, Beth Polebaum, Lorrie Ann Button-Edelson**, Charles Frankel '79, and Hermanito Rob '80. ■ **Peter L. Karlson** has been promoted to associate VP at the Angell Pension Group in Rumford, RI. Peter, who lives in Bristol, RI, with wife Candace, has worked at APG since 1990. ■ **Valerie Cohen** is now a senior VP/assistant general counsel at Walt Disney Company in Burbank. ■ **Dunstan McNichol** covers NJ budget issues for *The Record*. He joined the paper's Trenton bureau in 1993, after serving as its Washington correspondent. ■ Finally, a mini-reunion in Steamboat Springs in May included **Wendell Fleming Cunningham, Beth Warfield, Marnie Brewster Phillips, Helen Cooke Pyne**, and Alicia Stump Murphy '77. **Robbie Ross** met the group at the Denver airport (looking dapper as ever) before flying back to NYC and his work for Corporate Property Investors. Now returned to the U.S., Beth is living outside Washington, DC, enjoying time with son Christopher (born 3/24/95). Marnie (somehow) continues to work for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Boston with two children, Asa and Molly, under age three. Wendell is spending time with her three sons while on leave from her Denver law firm. Helen has returned to writing fiction—at least between *Middlebury Magazine* column deadlines!

1979

Class Secretaries: *Donna Brewer MacKenna (dbmack@aol.com), 125 School St., South Hamilton, MA 01982; and Margaret A. Paine (mapaine@christa.unh.edu), 17 Old Landing Road, Durham, NH 03824.*

After nine years in Indiana, **Laurie Macaulay Jordan** and family have moved to VT. To 57 South St., Middlebury, to be exact. Yes, it's true—Laurie was appointed chaplain of Middlebury College as of July 1. Laurie reports: "Gus will be a visiting assistant professor in the psychology department. Children Andrew, Katherine, and Lindsay took up the sport of fencing in South Bend and participated in regional and national USFA competitions this year. The kids were more easily talked into the move once they discovered that there is a fencing club in Middlebury where they can continue their training. A special invitation to classmates: The honor of your presence is requested, desired—and downright needed!—at Mead Chapel any Sunday you are in town and school is in session. ■ **Dana Yeaton** received the coveted Actor's Theatre of Louisville Heideman Award for playwrighting last year. Calling Dana's plays "versatile, imaginative and original," filmmaker Jay Craven (director of *Where the Rivers Flow North*, shot in the Northeast Kingdom of VT) has enlisted him to collaborate on a new screenplay. Dana's work, *Jump Cut*, was recently premiered by the Vermont Stage Company as part of the Flynn's On-Stage Series. The VSC also planned a tour of Dana's next play, which has a working title of *Promised Land*. ■ Life has been very busy for **Geoff Anderson** (415/853-0980) in CA. He now works for Boston EquiServe, a joint venture spinoff of the Bank of Boston (or BankBoston) and State Street Bank. "It's exciting being part of a brand new company. My office is 3,000 miles from headquarters so there is a lot more freedom to make my position into one that I really want. I am now doing more marketing and sales along with administration and management." In January, Geoff's parents took Geoff and his wife along on a 16-day cruise to Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Thailand What an experience! His three kids (ages 5, 8 and 10) all played Little League last spring—sometimes all at once. "It gives us a small indication of what life will be like for the next 10 years."

1980

Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

Daphne "Hootie" Fogg is living in Queenstown, New Zealand. "I have been traveling around the world for the past nine months and seem to be settled here, at least for the ski season, which is just starting. Yet to come (if I leave) is Australia, Fiji, San Francisco, and then back to Boston. Who knows?" ■ **Gregg Martin** is "glad to be back in the old stomping grounds," having "returned to the Boston area (Haverhill) after a 10-year stint in Atlanta." He writes: "Brought back a southern belle wife and two kids. Work in engineering size digital printing business for OCE-USA." ■ **David McCary** (mccary@mccarystevens.com) was "having a great summer boating on the CT River from Hartford to Essex, CT, with my son (8) and daughter (5). My 1.5-year-old daughter stays home with my wife, Tina. We're hoping to graduate from inner tubing to water skiing this summer. I've started my own commercial mortgage lending company called McCary Stevens Associates, Inc. We make commercial mortgage loans (ranging in size from $3 million to $35 million) on all commercial property types in all 50 states. Check out our Web site at www.mccarystevens.com." ■ **Barbara Banks** develops new trips for Wilderness Travel, an adventure travel company with trekking and sailing trips around the world. A summer included an excursion by horseback into the highlands of Ecuador, followed by some time in the Amazon and a cruise through the Galapagos Islands. In her "other life" as a documentary filmmaker, she will be returning to Dharamsala, India, this fall to film a sequel to her documentary on Tibetan refugee children. "If you are passing through the San Francisco Bay area give a call" (510/528-5384). ■ **Laura Kirk** has been promoted to associate with DHM Inc., a Denver-based landscape architecture and planning firm. Her projects have included the Lookout Mountain Nature Center for Jefferson County, the president's residence at the Univ. of CO at Boulder, and Dinosaur Ridge Visitor Center in Morrison, CO. Laura is now planning projects for Camp George West in Golden and for Pueblo Mountain Park. ■ **John Schubert** writes: "My partner and I are helping to establish an 'urban village' of community and environmentally minded families here in Bend, OR. At work, I continue to direct Transportation Options, advocating land use and transportation policies to maintain central OR's livability by reducing drive-alone commuting."

1981

Class Secretaries: *Anne Borchardt Exler (exler@erols.com), 6160 Llanfair Dr., Columbia, MD 21044; and Sue Dutcher Wagley, 4060 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225.*

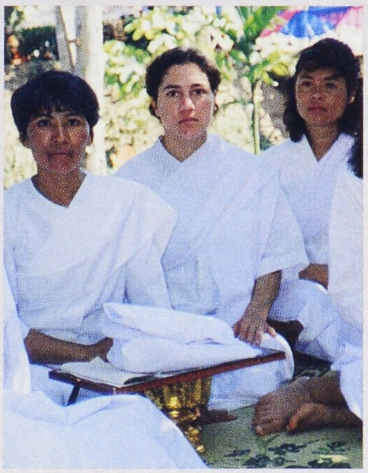
Steven Clancy was named Broker of the Year at Lynch Murphy Walsh & Partners, where he's a senior VP. He was also awarded Broker of the Year in 1990 and is perennially among the firm's top producers. ■ **Alexander Lombard** graduated with a Juris Doctor degree from New York Law School this spring. ■ **Randall Hagenstein** is now associate state director of the Nature Conservancy of AK. ■ After nearly seven years in the San Francisco Bay Area, **John Amato** (cccto.jamato@capital.ge.com) and his family have moved to Ridgefield (38 Tannery Hill Rd., Ridgefield, CT 06877, 203/894-8471), about 50 miles from NYC. He writes, "I took a job as state tax counsel with General Electric Capital, the financial services/leasing subsidiary of GE. Having survived CT's worst winter ever, we are enjoying the summer and look forward to another New England fall. My wife, Nancy, and kids Carrie (5), Ross (4), and Alissa (2), have had no trouble adjusting to life with four seasons." ■ Jay and **Sue Dutcher Wagley** welcomed Eliza Frances into the world on January 25, 1996. She joins brother Philip (4). ■ Dan and **Sheryl Crockett Tishman** have a new son, Gabriel "Gabe" Lee. He joined brother Josh (5) on June 19. The Tishmans split their time between their lama farm in Jefferson, ME, and Bedford, NY. ■ David Ribble and **Helen Ballew** welcomed their first child, Matalie Ann, in a home birth on August 15 in San Antonio, TX. David is a biology prof. at Trinity Univ. and Helen continues to run the Hill Country Foundation.

CLASS ACT

Changing Habits

By Elizabeth Toder '90

Our chanting was a low-pitched, almost conversational stream of s ound. It rumbled off the tall cave entrances and sheer cliff walls in front of us. As we began, once again, to chant the 16 rules of Buddhist law, I shifted my legs for the umpteenth time, trying to ignore the aches and numbness creeping into my body and mind. The setting sun marked the many hours since I had taken my place on a straw mat that morning amidst the field of white-robed women that still encircled me. It was Christmas day, 1993. I was becoming a nun for a day.



With 400 Thai women, I was nearing the end of *Buat Chi Prahm,* a special, rare Buddhist ceremony in which women "become nuns" through an all-day-and-night ritual of chanting and prayer.

This was almost as unique a ceremony for the Thai participants as it was for me: a chance for us to "make merit" in Thailand's Buddhist society through an opportunity most women are not afforded. In Thai society, the highest level of Buddhist merit that one can achieve is to become a monk. Women cannot become monks, so the only way they can attain the highest level of merit is by having a son become a monk. While it is possible for a woman to become a nun, this happens very rarely, due to societal pressures for women to marry and have a family.

For me, the ceremony was a chance to become a part of Thai culture that most foreigners never see. About three months earlier, I had made plans to extend my work in Thailand with the Peace Corps, in order to take advantage of an opportunity to do environmental outreach teaching in the primary schools and rural areas near my village in northern Thailand. Most of my close American friends had left the country in early November, when our two-year Peace Corps contract ended. So, when two friends, Pi Sanit and Pi Sompit, teachers from the primary school in town, invited me to take part in the special ceremony, to "Buat Chi Prahm," I jumped at the chance.

Advance word of the ceremony had spread throughout central and eastern Thailand, and consequently, women had chartered buses from places as far as Bangkok, over seven hours away, in order to participate in the ceremony. Others walked from local villages like mine, Nern Maprang, about four miles from the caves where we now gathered. These caves provide home to bats, an occasional devout monk, and until 10 years ago served as hideouts for the disaffected Thais who made up the country's Communist insurgency in the mid-seventies and early eighties.

We arrived at Tam Laud early in the morning and staked out a spot close to the monks who led the ceremony. The nine monks or "priests" who presided over the ceremony (the number nine has special significance in Buddhist and Chinese calendars) came from as far away as the Thai provinces bordering Cambodia and Laos. The host of the evening was our local monk, Pra Ajaan Wichai, who lived at these caves and was very popular with local villagers, in part due to his reputation for being able to "see" the future, including next month's lottery numbers.

After a break to stretch our legs and eat a snack of sticky rice and spicy, unripe papaya salad, we returned to the prayer grounds. We sat packed tightly together, chanting, this time in Thai. My legs were aching terribly, almost intolerably. On and on we chanted. The promised 8 o'clock ending came and went.

At 9:30 p.m. or so, we came to a pause, after several more full rounds of 108 chants, counted off by the old women with worn, rubbed-smooth prayer-bead necklaces in their hands. Lung Boo, a 95-year-old monk from Ubon who was the special guest of honor, lit some candles, and three loud fireworks were set off. Then the old monk, by now wearing a fuzzy, fake-fur hat for warmth to compensate for his thin, saffron robe, walked around the inner circle, throwing handfuls of tiny fresh flowers. Reaching out for the flowers, everyone began to push forward in a most un-nun-like manner. For a few minutes, instead of a solemn religious occasion, the scene more closely resembled the opening of a clothing sale, with prices slashed to low discounts and women rushing to grab the best bargains.

The eight other monks then proceeded into the crowd, throwing flowers toward us, as we reached out to catch the symbols of our success. We had done it!

Now that the ceremony was complete, we all had to "undo" what we had done and figuratively "cast off" our robes. My friends explained that without this final short ceremony, technically, we would still be nuns. We huddled in groups of 20, as a monk held his arms above us and droned on in Pali, relegating us to everyday citizen status once again.

I was sad to disrobe. I loved walking around in the white clothing, barefoot, my hair all pulled back, no jewelry on at all, no chains to sway my mind's thoughts. Simplicity. I didn't mind sitting and praying for so many hours on end. I let my mind go, and "visited" with old friends of mine in happy times in America during the chant-filled night.

After the ceremony, I realized that I had strongly reaffirmed my love for the Thai people, culture, and country. I relished the thought that three years before, when I first learned of my Peace Corps assignment, I had rushed to locate Thailand on a map. Now I felt that the more I learned about Buddhism, the more I appreciated and respected the basic tenets of this religion. The challenge awaiting me would be to find a way to incorporate the special, simple elements of my Thai life into a new American lifestyle.

Six months later, one month before flying back to New York, I embraced the Buddhist principle of "nonattachment." I shaved my head, thus voluntarily giving up the curly, long tresses that had previously defined my person.

And I felt wonderfully freed. ■

Elizabeth Toder '90 returned to the United States, completed a master's degree in international affairs at Columbia University, and is now living in Middlebury. Her hair has grown back.

Andrea Tulin and Dana Houlihan '83 (see 1983 column)

1982

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Alison R. McGhee (mcghe003@maroon.tc.umn.edu), 3441 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408; and Charles H. Robinson III, 118 Paradise Ave., Piermont, NY 10968.*

"Life is very good," reports **Brian Williams** (bwilliam@zeus.valpo.edu). Brian and wife Mary Kennedy are happy to send news of two additions to their family: daughter Hayley Kennedy Williams, born February 4, 1994, and son Peter Kennedy Williams, born May 26, 1996. ■ Good news also arrived from **Heidi Reichenbach**, who was married to Vaughn F. Harring on May 18, 1996, in Concord, MA. Heidi is a VP in marketing at BayBank and her husband is a manager of public relations at BBN Planet, a division of Bolt Beranek and Newman. ■ **Elizabeth Geils** is now an instructor at Disney Institute in Lake Buena Vista, FL. ■ **John ("RJ") Hake** reports that he recently returned to work in San Francisco after a month-long trip to Hong Kong and Islamabad, Pakistan, where he traveled the Karakoram Highway to Kashgar, China. RJ reports that "Overall, the trip was outstanding. I saw big mountains of all kinds—the monolithic giants of the Himalaya; the dense, craggy peaks of the Karakoram; the rounded, glacier caps of the Pamir; and the fringes of the Hindu Kush. The people were equally fascinating. Geopolitically speaking, I was in Pakistan and China, but the people were anything but your majority Pakistani Punjabi or Han Chinese—Tajik, Uyghur, Kirghiz, Hunzakut, Afghani." RJ has been training for the upcoming Pike's Peak run in CO. ■ **Chris Kelley**, wife Valerie, and daughter Bryn are proud to announce the arrival of their son and brother, Peter Cole Kelley (they'll call him "Cole"), born June 16, 1996. ■ **Jeff Clarke** and wife Kris were skiing in AK. Kris went up before Jeff and was skiing off a glacier and e-mailing Jeff bi-daily via cellular phone with updates. (How's that for modern technology?) ■ **Greg Murphy** reports that his new job as a senior geologist with ERM West "is going really well and I continue to do some freelance consulting that keeps me interested and busy. Since all my limbs are now operational, I've been cranking out a stack of long (rock) climbs, mostly on 3,000-foot El Capitan. We've set some speed records by doing multiday routes in less than 24 hours." ■ **Colette O'Connell** (8491 W. Sunset Blvd., Suite 112, West Hollywood, CA 90069; e-mail CoCo CJO@aol.com) is making her living acting in film, television, commercials, and an Internet Sci-Fi series called EON-4. She is the First Officer of a humanoid alien race! You can check it out at http//www.eon-4.com. Colette would love to hear from old friends and/or Midd producers, directors, or casting directors. ■ **Alison McGhee** returned July 27 from China, where she spent several weeks adopting seven-month-old He Min from the Jiande Orphanage near beautiful Hangzhou, China. He Min, henceforth to be known as Min McGhee O'Brien, is the third child of Alison and husband Bill O'Brien, joining Luke (6) and Devon (3). She's a wonder-baby, more than living up to her name Min, which means nimble, bright, quick, and alert. Alison continues work writing and teaching fiction writing in Minneapolis; her first novel is forthcoming from Papier-Mache Press in early 1998. ■ **Jeff Legro** was recently in Minneapolis for a visit and had dinner with **Larkin McPhee Perese** and **Alison McGhee**. He reports that life is good in Cambridge, MA, where wife Janet is co-minister at the Harvard chapel and Jeff is working under the auspices of a political science fellowship at Harvard. Larkin continues work as a freelance public television producer, writer, and editor in Minneapolis, where she lives with husband Deniz Perese and children Tess and Dylan. ■ **Betsy Conger** (econger@aol.com) messages on August 1: "This sabbatical stuff is a wonderful thing!" She had just returned to be head of the science department at Loomis Chaffee, after spending her sabbatical in the Galapagos Islands, Nantucket Island, and Tucson, AZ. ■ **Mary Frangakis** and James S. Clark (CT College '83) were married on June 3, 1995. Mary writes that she is "working with Rich Wagman '84 to get a Baltimore chapter into the making!"

Toni Mauck '85 and Mark Butterfield (see 1985 column)

1983

Class Secretaries: *Karey Dubiel Dye, 10027 Doliver, Houston, TX 77042; and Jeanne Hammond Larsen, 2440 Tulik Dr., Anchorage, AK 99517.*

Michael Lyons has relocated back to New England, along with wife Stephanie, daughter Hannah (2), and dog "Shredder." Mike is a physician at White River Family Practice and Stephanie works part time in the local emergency room. Both completed their medical training in northern CA, but "left the weather wimps out there and moved back to VT." ■ **Persephone Logan Ditzel** and husband Jim celebrated their 10th anniversary with a trip back to England. They live in Brunswick, ME, and enjoy sailing with children Lucy, Cassie, and Henry. Seph is busy at home but stays current in her former career as a banker with volunteer treasurer work. ■ **Dan Kagan**, a partner with the Lewiston, ME, trial law firm of Berman & Simmons, has been named to the governing board of the ME Trial Lawyers Assoc. Dan and wife Julie live in Freeport with their two children. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* North Ferrisburgh, VT, was the scene of the summer marriage of Andrea Tulin (CT College '85) and **Dana Houlihan**. Celebrating with them on June 29 were **Deborah Varnum Tong, Doug Darby, Lise Markl, Amy Wilcox Shale, Ruth Kennedy**, the newlyweds, Jim Ross '51, Anne McGinley Ross '53, **Lindsay James Dugan**, and Jay Houlihan '79.

1984

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Gould Case, 6490 Snowview Dr., Park City, UT 84098; and David Wagstaff IV, 1007 5th St., #D, Santa Monica, CA 90403.*

After 10 years as an environmental consultant, **Elizabeth Rand Algeo** has quit work to be a full-time mom for Ben (4 1/2) and Lucy (2 1/2). "We spend our days building small boats, baking bread, and whining! Have financed this change by moving into a smaller, newer, and CHEAPER teepee in Raymond, ME." ■ Twin daughters were born to Amanda and **Steve Ford** on May 13, 1996. Stephanie Ann and Taylor Leigh joined older brother Michael (3). ■ Also seeing double are James and **Wendy Hockaday Burcham**, who welcomed Matthew Wells and Emily Alcott on June 14. These newcomers weighed in at a total of 14 1/2 pounds! The other Burcham children are Christopher (7), Annie (5), and Michael (3). ■ **Jennifer Little** and **Gregory Case** were married on September 14. Middlebury friends celebrating with them included **Liz Fordyce Barrett, Elizabeth Old Ker, Julie Morrison, Wendy Tanner, Rich Meringolo**, and **Pete Lane**. Jennifer is working at Vanguard Mutual Funds; Greg at Paricof & Co. (venture capital). The newlyweds are living in Baltimore. ■ **Thomas Prescott** is now a design editor for L.L.Bean. ■ "After seven years of fun on Madison Avenue," e-mails **Mark Payne**, "I got a call from a headhunter one afternoon in '92 asking whether I'd ever thought about Asia. My answer was 'not really, but let's talk.' As it turned out, that innocent little question threw my life a fantastic curve. I've been on the trot in Asia ever since. I spend my days hopping among 14 countries for Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising, looking after Procter & Gamble business in China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Taiwan, the Philippines, Australia, Vietnam, Korea, Malaysia, India, Japan, my home base of Singapore, and anywhere in between. It's the perfect cure for chronic wanderlust. The travel bug has nested comfortably in my DNA since I joined a dozen Midd kids for a junior year in London back in '82-83. Predictably enough, what was slated as a two-year loop is now into year four. The highlights of these years could fill a book or two (probably will one day). Sharing traditional Tet holiday feasts with a Vietnamese family. An edgy week in Cambodia on the eve of their elec-

tions (machinegun-toting UN troops on every corner). Hitting Beijing's normally packed Forbidden City on a day when it was so bizarrely empty my footsteps echoed through the vast courtyards (you can hear the ghosts when it's empty like that!). Mystical Hindu chants at a 12th-century mountaintop temple in Bali. There's just an incredible, welcoming warmth to the whole region. Asian smiles have a way of calming the soul. Despite the radical change of scenery, a few stateside activities endure. Still playing ultimate (growing fast out here), playing in softball tournaments all over the region, writing and recording music in my home studio. Trying to piece together a band between road trips. Haven't crossed paths with many Midd kids out here, but I've followed a few tracks. Back in March I was scuba diving on WWII wrecks in Papua, New Guinea. I asked a few villagers if they'd heard of blues guitar legend **Jamie Howard**, who passed through there on his Watson-funded dugout canoe study a dozen years ago. They said no, but I heard a few kids singing 'Caldonia,' and there were these odd, bearded totem poles with little round glasses scattered around the islands. I'd suggest that retracing Jamie's route there and documenting his enduring effect on New Guinean culture is worthy of another Watson grant. Seniors take note. Plenty of room here to put up passersby. All are welcome. Write to me at 28 Chapel Road, Singapore 429534, or e-mail at mpayne@singnet.com.sg."

1985

Class Secretary: *Dale Sailer, 935 Washington St., Glenview, IL 60025.*

Now that **Peter** and **Liz Thompson Hotvedt** (hotvedt@borg.com) and daughter Claire have moved to New Hartford, NY, they look forward to stopping back in VT, and hope to catch the Midd teams when they compete with Hamilton, which is just down the road. Peter has started a new job as a cardiologist in Utica. ■ **Matthew Fisk** is an instructor for the Cambodia Law and Democracy Program at the Univ. of San Francisco School of Law. He was planning an important event in November to be reported in a future column. ■ A tour director with Vantage for the past five years, **Rebecca Liston** recently returned from leading a MA Audubon tour to the Yangtze River. She also leads tours in the South Pacific, Alaska, New England, Eastern Canada, through the Panama Canal, and to Costa Rica and Acapulco. ■ **Jim LaFronz** (jlafronz@tribeca.ios.com) of Cresskill, NJ, "recently retired from nine years of derivatives trading, and went to 'the other side'—now I'm a derivatives auditor at Sakura Bank in NYC." Jim and wife Maryellen are "more than happy to announce the birth of our daughter, Kelly Ondine. Kelly's sister, Hannah Nicole (17 mos.) was among the first to greet Kelly when she arrived on May 16. Mother and daughters are doing fine, and Daddy manages to keep on truckin'. Our best to everyone, and we'll see you all at Midd in 2000." ■ Jim also reported the February 1996 arrival of Michelle and **Bill Betz**'s daughter, Shannon Rose Betz. Shannon's brothers are Billy and Matthew. The Betz clan lives in Wayne, NJ. ■ **Betsey Herdman Goldstein** is now an at-home mom, since the birth of a son on September 7, 1995. ■ **Peter Clough** and wife Lisa have bought a house in Philadelphia. ■ **Eleanor Davenport** and Christopher Owen, who were married on April 20 at Lookout Mountain, TN, are living in southern NH. Eleanor has a master's from the Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill. Her husband is a high school English teacher in Amhurst, NH. ■ **James Davidowitz** and Laurie Falk were married on August 17, 1996. ■ On May 26, **Wendy Tanner** and Andrew Bermingham were married in New Canaan, CT. Wendy is a sales rep for *Colorado Business* magazine and her husband is managing director of Montreux Energy Corp., a consulting firm in Denver and Switzerland. ■ **Alex Barnes** (DBarnes910@aol.com) reports the birth of second child Edward Alexander last May. He says he is "enjoying practicing law in Philadelphia" and has been "keeping in touch with the Middlebury community, albeit not my class, as regional director of the Alumni Admissions Program." ■ Sue and **Kley Parkhurst** happily announce the birth of son Jack on May 10, 1996. He joins sisters Madeline and Charlotte. ■ New parents Tom and **Robyn Rieser Barkin** claim that "the adjustment was easy—so far!" Son Samuel Rieser Barkin arrived on April 27. Robyn says that Sam is "the spitting image of his dad!" ■ We welcome new class secretary **Dale Sailer** with this issue, with kudos to our retiring scribes, **Toni Mauck Butterfield** and **Phil LeTourneau**. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* The gathering on June 10, 1995, for the marriage of **Toni Mauck** and Mark Butterfield (Bowdoin '77) included Anthony Flint '84, Larry Stabler '84, George Purgavie (coaching staff), Ron McEachen (women's squash coach), Matt Ellenthal '84, Elizabeth Oettinger, Lee Higham '86, Tom Kottler '84, Jim '84 and Elizabeth Hackett Robinson '84, **Jennifer Karin, Deb Payne**, Peter '83 and Hariette Mauran Merrill '83, Melissa Millan Hodkin '82, and Jay Klein '84.

Kathy Good and Rob Masinter '86 (see 1986 column)

1986

Class Secretaries: *Mary Sue Holland (msh@cbsnews.com), 65 W. 96 St., #17D, New York, NY 10025; and Julie Morris Ogden (jogden@spsfg.pvt.k12.md.us), 300 Garrison Forest Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117.*

Krista Conley Lincoln's Boston-based company, Cambridge Translation Resources (CTR), is now on the way to doubling its 1995 revenue of $1 million. CTR helps companies translate books, annual reports, pamphlets, and high-tech instruction manuals into some 30 languages. ■ Congratulations to **Lyle** and Sarah Thompson '88 **Fulkerson**, who report the birth of Greta Leigh Fulkerson on April 23, 1996. ■ **Amy Field**, D.M.D., has joined the Oral Surgical Institute in TN. She will help staff offices in Dickson, Nashville, Springfield, and Hermitage. Amy completed her general practice residency and her oral surgery residency at St. Lukes/Roosevelt Hospital Center in NYC. ■ **Bruce Genereaux** is project coordinator at Luzenac America, Inc., of Englewood, CO, a talc mining and processing company. He oversees the evaluation and justification of capital projects at mines and milling facilities throughout the U.S. ■ **Jane Richardson Dobbs** recently moved to Niskayuna, NY, where Jane is at home with daughter Grace Elizabeth (born November 18, 1995) and son Sam (2 1/2). Husband Jim works in corporate research and development for GE. ■ **Jim Terhune** (jterhune@center.colgate.edu), dean of first-year students at Colgate Univ., has welcomed the Class of 2000. "Hard to believe!" Marnie (Cunningham) '88, Colgate asst. director of student activities, hoped to complete her M.A.T. degree this summer. Son John (19 months) "can identify his 'Midd-y' sweatshirt and prefers to be lullabyed with 'Cheer Boys Cheer.'" Kept from reunion by a last minute conflict, the Terhunes invite friends to visit. ■ **Charlie** and **Mary Venable Baker** (kilnraja@aol.com) are happy to announce the arrival of Charles "Wyatt" Baker on February 4, 1996. They were sorry to miss reunion, but Charlie bought a business in CA ("a long-standing dream") and the whole family "made the overland trek to San Diego," where they "are now busy learning how to run a business and surf (not necessarily in that order)." ■ Thomas Edmund Porter Safford arrived on April 12, 1996. His parents are **John** and Deb Porter '86 **Safford**. ■ **Kristin Roberts Asbury** was one of the 192 classmates at reunion. She traveled to VT with husband Jamie from their new home in Simpsonville, SC. ■ **John Griffith** is a college counselor and teacher of honors English at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, TN. Oxford Univ. Press published his Joseph Conrad paper in November 1995. ■ **Lynne Beers Walters** has a new job as an adoption specialist, placing children with special needs at Spence Chapin in NYC. ■ John and **Lisa Eddy Donnelly** couldn't make it to reunion due to the arrival of son John Emmitt V on June 28. Lisa returned to Young & Rubicam this fall, commuting to NYC from their new home in Greenwich, CT. ■ **Andy Dale** is a senior product manager at AVID Technology in Tewksbury, MA. ■ Yiannis and **Betsy Thompson Serlemetsos** and son A.J. came to reunion all the way from Lusaka, Zambia, where Betsy is chief of party for the Zambia Family Planning Services Project, a USAID funded project. Yiannis is director of management consulting for DevCorp, a Zambian consulting firm. ■ Craig and **Suzanne Duncan Simmonds** welcomed son William Morgan to their Southport, CT, home on April 29. ■ **Michael Paterniti** has left *Outside Magazine* in Santa Fe, NM, to pursue the itinerant life of a freelance writer. ■ In VT, **Wendy Fisher Beach** continues to sell commercial real estate, specializing in inns, B&Bs, and restaurants. She's also involved with the Basin Harbor Club. ■ **Sarah Christel** loves her new job with Miguel's Stowe Away Chips and Salsa in Waterbury, VT. ■ Andrew '83 and **Monica Carroll McCabe** own two liquor stores, one in their hometown of Westport, NY, and the other in Vergennes, VT. Monica takes care of daughter Jane (3) and son Shaw (1 1/2). ■ **Nate Burt**, who lives in East Middlebury with wife Lynda and sons Dave (4) and Craig (1), was responsible for much of the daily operation of Bread Loaf's activities this summer. ■ **Bessie Cromwell Speers** attended Bread Loaf, earning credits for a master's program at Johns Hopkins. She's the director of admissions at Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore. ■ **Tom McKenna** left his teaching job in AK's Aleutian Islands to teach at Benjamin Franklin International School in

Barbara Curtis '86 and Steve Short (see 1986 column)

Paula Carlton '88 and Terry O'Brien (see 1988 column)

Barcelona (Martorelli, Pena, 9-08017, Spain). He and **Julie Morris Ogden** earned their master's degrees from Bread Loaf this summer. ■ **Frank Muggia** (FCMuggia@aol.com) e-mails that they were sorry to miss reunion. He's still practicing law with the same firm in Boston and "enjoying almost every minute, spending all my free time with daughter Sydney (2 1/2) and my wife, Denise. We suffered the loss of our second daughter, Grace Elizabeth, in January, but Sydney constantly reinforces all that is important in life. Have spent many crazy weekends with **Domenic Ciarallo** and Quinn Pollock '88. Spent three weeks in Scotland, taking photographs for a book that we hope to have published in the fall of '96." ■ And to those who haven't written lately, we'd love to hear from you—and e-mail makes it much easier to stay in touch. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* **Barbara Curtis** and Steve Short were married on a boat in Boston Harbor on May 26, 1996. Celebrating with Barbara (right) were **Peter Hall, Charlotte Lindsay, Fred Wilson, Mike Smith**, and **Curt Hier**. ■ When Kathy Good and **Rob Masinter** were married on October 28, 1995, Middlebury friends celebrating with them in Cohasset, MA, were (standing) **Brad Schildt**, Dave Turok '89, **Dan Kaveney, John Hill**, (seated) **Bruce Genereaux**, and the newlyweds. *[Ed. note: Our apologies for referring to Rob as "Bob" in the spring issue.]*

Julie Soper '87 and Henry Long (see 1987 column)

1987

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *John A. Castle, RFD, Box 86J, Derby, VT 05829; and Cameron C. McClearn, 3 Crawford St. #5, Cambridge, MA 02139.*

Many Midd friends were in attendance when **Cameron McClearn** married Robin Cruz (Brown '87) in Cambridge, MA, on May 11. ■ **Sarah Benedetti** and Richard Tella were married on April 13 in Falls Church, VA, where they are now living. Sarah is an art teacher in Fairfax County and her husband is a systems analyst for the S.R.A. Corp. in Arlington, VA. ■ **Heather McConnell** and Daniel Moran were married on June 24, 1995. They live in Sherman Oaks, CA. ■ **Brian Williams** married Christiana Jamison Tampas on July 1, 1996. ■ **John Bohan** married Susan Evans on August 3, 1996. ■ Sarah Bower and **Robert Bua** were married in Hartford on June 22. He's the general counsel and an assistant administrator at Brittany Farms Health Center in New Britain, CT. ■ Diego and **Elaine Sherrick Valente** greeted Sarah Elizabeth on March 15, 1996. "Big sister Rebecca Ana (3 this summer) is adjusting to her baby sister." ■ Paul and **Gail Harrison Hubbard** celebrated the arrival of son Scott Adams Hubbard on October 10, 1995. They live in Richmond, VA. ■ The arrival of daughter Jordan on September 3, 1995, "brought a whole new meaning to the term 'Labor Day,' reports **Phil Simonides** and wife Shaun. They bought a new house in Wellesley Hills, MA, last year, and Phil is still the managing principal at American Express Financial Advisors in Boston. ■ DJ and **Shannon Seaton Boyd** (dboyd@portage1.portup.com) welcomed daughter Mary Margaret on February 23, 1996. She joined brother Andy (2). ■ **Sally Evans** wrote in June from Munich, Germany: "Last month I got my MBA from the Wharton School and M.A. in international studies at the Lauder Institute, both at UPenn. Next month I start working here in Munich at BMG Entertainment International (Bertelsmann), for the CEO of their music business." She will have some other exciting news to report soon! ■ Living in Chicago with wife Maron, **Donald Hindman** is "loving life after leaving the practice of law for a career in sales and marketing." He says he's also "spending a lot of time setting up the new Dissipated 8 Alumni Association, Inc." ■ In London, England, **Christina Robertson** is working for a company called "The Really Useful Group Ltd." ■ **Tim Weed** (pst@sover.net—Putney Student Travel) and wife Julie Jensen are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Louise Frances Weed on July 12. Tim writes: "If she so chooses, she has the chance of becoming a third generation Middie! Julie and I have been living abroad (Spain, Australia, Venezuela) for two years, and have now settled in Putney, VT, planning and directing international education programs." Tim and **Mike Davis** had not seen each other since Midd—until their wives, Julie and Lizelle, were in labor at the same time at Brigham and Women's hospital in Boston. So, of course, Tim and Mike "smoked cigars and drank champagne in the waiting room, toasting the new condition of fatherhood." ■ BJ and **Sharon Ballard Richardson** (lolt@charleston.net) and daughter Lindsay Grace (born November 12, 1995) moved from Burlington, VT, to Charleston, SC, where Sharon is the director of the Lowcountry Open Land Trust. "After working for the VT Agency of Natural Resources in wetlands protection, I am now in the nonprofit sector, working with landowners who want to voluntarily protect their land. We miss the good and honest cold of the North, but we do love living on the coast and exploring a new culture." ■ **Kate Lewin** has "moved back 'home' to Minneapolis, after five years teaching skiing in Vail and Australia (and being a part-time marketing consultant). Now I'm a full-time marketing consultant and part-time ski instructor. I welcome news from other Midd Kids. Call me at 612/798-KATE or find me on the Net at 102753.1510 @ compuserve.com." ■ **Lance Boyle** (boyle@aol.com) is host of an early-morning relationship talk show on New York cable television. ■ "After two years in Kazakstan and a year split between England, India, and Russia, **Nick Moore** (nmoore@ap.org) has taken a posting to Beijing as senior producer in charge of Associated Press Television's office there. He advises that any contact from Midd China-heads (and other fellow travelers, of course) would be most welcome." ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* Gathering in Weekapaug, RI, for the September 10, 1994, marriage of **Julie Soper** and Henry Long (Northeastern '88) were **Alison Napack, Katherine Ury Steiger, Anne Corry**, the newlyweds, **Jane Gorham, Britta Herlitz Lerner**, (kneeling) Jeffrey Steiger '86, and **Jim Connolly**.

1988

Class Secretaries: *Liana Discepolo Caffrey (lcaffrey@lesley.edu), 15 Wollaston Ave., #1, Arlington, MA 02174; and Claire Gwatkin, 3819 Military Rd. NW, #2, Washington, DC 20015.*

Kathleen Farrell and **Robert MacLeod** were married on March 23 in Exeter, NH. Barbara MacLeod '85 was one of the bridesmaids. In June, Robert received his master's in business from UCLA and Kathleen received her master's in public health. ■ Married in Stowe, VT, on May 25 were **Deborah Hicks** and Kim Abell, with **Jan Gray Gilpin** as matron of honor. The newlyweds live in Burlington, where both are resident physicians at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Deborah in pediatrics and Kim in family practice. ■ On June 29, **Carolyn Ives** and Douglas Schluter were married in Pembroke, Bermuda. In DC, Carolyn is a public relations manager at the National Wildlife Federation and Douglas is a production coordinator at National Geographic TV. ■ **Sarah O'Herron** and Alec Casey were married on August 10 in Woods Hole on Cape Cod. With a master's from Columbia's Teachers College, Sarah has been teaching second grade at the Nightingale-Bamford School in New York. This fall she's a pre-kindergarten teacher at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich. Alec, with an M.B.A. from the Univ. of PA's Wharton School, is a product manager at the Readers' Digest Association in Pleasantville, NY. ■ Chris and **Helena Wooley Cunningham** are having fun with new daughter Elizabeth Margaret ("Libby"), born February 4. ■ **John** and Deb Porter '86 **Safford** welcomed son Thomas Edmund Porter Safford on April 12. ■ Jennifer and **Frank Zecca** have a son, Matthew Gregory, born April 13. Frank is still managing money for professional athletes in northern VA. ■ **Ed** '88 and Emily Scudder '89 **Teufel** announce the birth of son Alexander Morgan Teufel on May 14. ■ Daughter Serena Rawls Futch joined Clarke and **Julie Weil Futch** on May 22. ■ **Christopher Farr** (Christopher.Farr@wharton.upenn.edu) is raising money for the Wharton School at UPenn. Chris and wife Christin are pleased to announce the birth of son Keagan on July 19. "I see Brian Huff '92 quite a bit, since he is entering his second year at Wharton. We are both playing hockey each week for a club in Chestnut Hill." Clifton and **Louise Whitton York** welcomed their first child, son Clifton Gaston York, Jr. ("C.J."), on August 26, 1996. ■ Since the birth of son Cedric, **Bridget (Bridie) Jennings Dumont** (dumont@earthlink.com) says, "our lives have changed focus quite a bit. I left my position as VP international marketing at Radio Express, Studio City, CA, where I'd been since my return from France in '91. I've recently completed training and certification as a water safety instructor with the YMCA, North Hollywood, where I teach four days/week (six months through 30 months parent/child classes) and have set up a home business as an educational consultant for developmental children's products by Discovery Toys, Inc. On the Midd front, I have maintained close ties with freshman roommate **Sybil**

McCarthy and hallmates **Arianne Faber Kolb** and **Vicki Herrera Hirsch**." ■ **Pam Lawson Quinn**'s daughter, Hannah (2), "loves to hang out with the five other girls belonging to the Middlebury football coaching staff." Pam got her master's in education through UVM and is teaching sixth grade in Salisbury. ■ **Melissa Soderberg**, dean of students at Breck School in Minneapolis, MN, received a Klingenstein Fellowship to work on her master's in private school leadership at Columbia this year. She will return to her position at Breck for the 1997-98 school year. ■ Receiving his M.D. from UVM on May 19, **Benjamin Maeck** headed to San Francisco to begin his medical internship. On July 1, 1997, he begins his residency in anesthesia at UCSF Medical Center. ■ **Liana Discepolo Caffrey** received her master's in education from Lesley College in May. She was recently promoted to associate director of graduate admissions at Lesley. ■ **Jim Calise**, is now a proud home owner in Atlanta, GA. ■ **T. Clark Munnell, Jr.**, is working in private client services at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in NYC. ■ Since graduating from Thunderbird with a master's in international management (spring 1993), **Peggy Keteltas** (Peggy_Keteltas @Newsoft. com) has been working for Newmarket Software. She spends most of her time installing, consulting, and training in Spain and South America. ■ After working for two years as label manager at October Records, an independent record label in Minneapolis, **Dina Wolkoff** (dina@ visi.com) is starting her own artist management and creative consulting company, based in Manhattan. She'll be moving to NYC soon; in the meantime, she's on tour with The Honey-dogs, a band she comanages. ■ Betty Rock Coffee House and Cafe is one year old this fall. Whenever you're in Jackson, WY, be sure to stop in for lunch and say hello to **Marc Hirschfield** and wife Anise Morrow, the owners/operators of this very popular new eatery. ■ **Roberta Sengelmann** is in her final year of dermatology residency at the Univ. of TX, Houston: "Looking forward to a laser/surgery fellowship. Don't know yet where, but it looks like I'll be moving—again." She's also looking forward to our 10th Reunion! ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* **Paula Carlton** and Terry O'Brien (Univ. of IA '90, '94) were married on June 1 in Richmond, CA. Paula is a technical editor and graphic designer in San Francisco, while finishing her master's thesis (a novel) in the Univ. of S.F. writing program. Terry is getting his Ph.D. in botany at UC Berkeley. *[Ed. note: We apologize to Sheryl Parker whose name incorrectly included her husband's last name in the summer issue.]*

1989

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Canfield McBurney, 7141 Lincoln Park Way, S.W., Seattle, WA 98136; and Timothy O'Shea (Tim_O'Shea@hphc.org), 51 Gilbert Rd., Belmont, MA 02178.*

After receiving an M.B.A. from the Darden School at the Univ. of VA last May, **Robert More** went to work with Domain Associates in Princeton, NJ, and Costa Mesa, CA. ■ **Karla Swanson** received her master's in business administration from the Univ. of Southern ME last spring. ■ **Monica Lengyel** is a production coordinator for HBO in NYC. ■ **Sheryl Cole Stearns** is the operations manager for a small greeting card publisher in Frankfurt, Germany. Husband David '87 is teaching history and economics at the Frankfurt International School. "Visitors welcome!" (Wiesenau 7, D-60323, Frankfurt; phone 069-724760) ■ **Ryder Stahl** and Brooke Sheppard, who were married in Bedford, NY, on May 11, are new home owners in Katonah, NY. Ryder is a product manager for Colgate-Palmolive in Manhattan; Brooke is an associate at Katherine Cowdin interior design. ■ **Reid Payne** last surfaced stateside at **Ryder Stahl**'s wedding last May. "Reido" lives in Amsterdam, where he's a bond trader for a major European bank. Reid admits that he still "can't speak a lick of Dutch!" but seems to have adapted quite well to the continental lifestyle. ■ **Jim Chapman** also appeared at Ryder Stahl's wedding. A venture capitalist in Ketchum, ID, Jim recently helped finance the creation of a sports arena in downtown Boise. Jim sees plenty of **Kirsten Ritzau**, who lives in her hometown of Ketchum. Kirsten is a real estate broker. ■ Mariah Murray and **Michael Cohen** were married on May 18 in Cumberland, MD. Middlebury relatives at the wedding included Laura Cohen '92, who was a bridesmaid, and Stephen Cohen '59, father of the bridegroom. Michael graduated from Baltimore Law School and is associated with the law firm of W. Bryan Hall in Cumberland. Mariah is in the personal lines department of BGS&G. ■ Living in Milano, **Lisabetta Casalini Buglione** and husband Stefano have a new daughter, Sofia, born in October 1995. They had a weekend visit from Peggy Keteltas '88, who was in Madrid in June. ■ Congratulations to our new parents. **Robin Rhodes Astor** (rastor @smcvt.edu) is associate director of admission at St. Michael's College in Colchester, VT. She and husband Todd are happy to announce the birth of daughter Alexandra Ellen Astor on February 7. They live in Shelburne, VT. ■ Son David joined **Steve** and Nancy Connor '90 **Marshall** on May 15. ■ Sheryl and **Chip Phillips** welcomed daughter Kathryn Elizabeth on July 17. They live in Madison, CT. ■ **Erik Vigsnes** lives in Marblehead, MA, where he is the marketing manager for Whittle Works, a crafts cooperative. ■ **Chris Hiland** is suffering through his first semester of business school at UVA's Darden School in Charlottesville, VA. Wife Cassandra, who graduated from the Bread Loaf School of English this summer, teaches high school English at a private school in Charlottesville. ■ **Rob White** works for Price Waterhouse in Washington, DC. Rob and wife Kerry, who writes for *Education Weekly*, spend their weekends on the Eastern Shore of MD, where they frolic in the surf with their dog, Cujo. ■ **Vello Pettai** is a prof. of political science at the Univ. of Tartu in Estonia, while writing his Ph.D. dissertation for Columbia Univ. Vello writes, "Life has really picked up since independence and people are confident of the future. Except for the long winter, which is ominously descending, life could be worse. Sorry I missed our fifth reunion. I'll try and make it over in '99! Cheers!" ■ **Kris Eardensohn Stelter** moved to Newport, RI, in January 1996. Husband Peter is teaching at Surface Warfare Officer School at Newport Naval Base. Kris is an inpatient staff physical therapist at Vanderbilt Rehab Center, Newport Hospital. ■ After having great success at the American Univ. in Bulgaria, **Charles Lamson** (clamson@ aubg. edu) has left AUBG to work with formerly Amish communities of central PA: "There really is a lot of work to be done in educating previously isolated Amish populations about modern technological advancements. Devices as simple as the bank machine are quite new to many people in this proud and unique anachronistic population." ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* Following the wedding of **Adrienne Buda** and Christopher Anderson (Denison '85) on September 16, 1995, in Englewood, NJ, Middlebury friends celebrating with them included **Susan Anderegg**, John DeLaney '88, **Melanie Friedlander, Allison Black Levin**, and **Aniko Nakazawa DeLaney**.

1990

Class Secretaries: *Mary Stechschulte (104104.2702@compuserve.com), 9009 High Dr., Leawood, KS 66206; and Paul E. Needham, 43 Berrywood Ln., South Hamilton, MA 01982.*

Mark Fryberger has been promoted to manager-general accounting at Brattleboro-based C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc. ■ Dr. **John J. DeMatte** IV has joined his father's chiropractic practice Lehighton, PA. John recently received a doctor of chiropractic degree *summa cum laude* from the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, IL. ■ **Kent Anderson** (1215 Alexander St., #301, Honolulu, HI 96826, tel/fax 808/946-2022, e-mail sumo@hula. net) was elected to the Order of the Coif for academic excellence from the top 10 percent of the graduating class at Washington Univ. School of Law in St. Louis. He received his J.D. on May 17. He writes: "I also picked up an M.A. in Asian studies while I was there (thesis on sumo in the 10th century as seen in classical folk lit). I was married in 1994 to a Japanese woman, Hiroko, whom I met while I was a research student at Kobe Univ.'s Faculty of Law. I just started a job with a Honolulu law firm and am looking forward to longboard surfing." ■ After finishing her MBA at Cornell, **Marcy Withington** (mwithing@colybrand.com) spent a year and a half in Boston at Coopers & Lybrand before transferring to NYC. ■ **James Sparkman** received a master's from Harvard Grad. School of Business Administration in June. ■ **Phoebe Paine Gause** (pgause51@portland. maine.edu) says she is "finally on-line from my home computer. One year left to complete my graduate nurse practi-

Adrienne Buda '89 and Christopher Anderson (see 1989 column)

Susanna Blake and Sean Murphy '90 (see 1990 column)

Holly Beatty '90 and Chris Bernene '90 (see 1990 column)

Brooke Jette and Patrick Berry '91 (see 1991 column)

tioner program." Phoebe traveled to Sitka, AK, with **Kristen Potter Farnham** and **Carolyn Tracey Gill** to attend the wedding of **Kristen Homer** on June 22. Then Phoebe was off to Glacier National Park for a week's worth of camping with her sister. Phoebe is "living in West Falmouth with a view of the White Mountains in NH, thinking of the view of the Green Mountains and Adirondacks from our dorm rooms at Midd." ■ Stephen '89 and **Nancy Connor Marshall** proudly announce the birth of David Stephen Marshall on May 15, 1996. David joins big sister Caroline (2). The Marshalls live in Fort Lauderdale, FL. ■ Dr. **Kelli Naylor** and Dr. Robert J. Dobrzynski, Jr., were married in East Greenwich on June 2. A 1996 graduate of St. George's Univ. School of Medicine, Kelli is a medical-pediatrics resident at Albany Medical Center, where the bridegroom is an internal medicine resident. ■ **Genevra Buchanan** received a master's degree in nursing from Mass General Hospital Institute of Health as a nurse practitioner. Then, on June 29, she married John Casais, an attorney with Shearman & Sterling in NYC. ■ The May 11 marriage of **Shirin Tabechian** and Winston Hart, Jr., '91 involved several members of the bridegroom's family—his sister, Erin Hart '93, was a bridesmaid; his brother, Leland Hart '91, was an usher; and, of course, his father is Winston Hart '65. After a honeymoon in Ireland, the newlyweds returned to live in Burlington, where she is employed by Saxer, Anderson, Wolinsky, and Sunshine, and he works at Physician's Computer Co. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* Following the marriage of **Holly Beatty** and **Chris Bernene** in Mead Chapel on July 6, party goers included Ron Anderson '59 (with newlyweds in front), Laurie Micco McCormack '88, **Annie Janeway, Kiersten Haskell, Deborah Tobey, Lory Myerson, Nick Beckwith**, James Bernene '62, **Natalie Waters Wright, Victoria Vitrano, Deborah Reed, James Quinn**, (back row) Paul ("Mack") McCormack '88, **Seth Denbo, Mike Rankin**, Nick Warendorf '91, **Clayton Undercofler**, Marylou Moore Pappas '59, Joann Witmer Anderson '59, Cynthia Haver Rigas '59, Bob Blacker '58, **Ted Grandy**, and Steve Hopkins '89. **Ken** and **Wendy Williams Davis** missed the photo. Following a honeymoon in Kauai, the Bernenes moved to Boston, where Chris is a management consultant with Corporate Decisions Inc., and Holly is the associate director of development for the Boston Latin School Foundation. ■ Susanna Blake (Swarthmore '90) and **Sean Murphy** were joined by Middlebury friends **Gregg Beloff, Eric Paquette, Kathy Murphy, Ross Smith, David Milner, Wall Pringle**, and **Greg Naughton** (not pictured) to celebrate their March 30, 1996, marriage with a great week of sun and snow in Sun Valley, ID.

1991

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Approximately 250 classmates attended our 5th Reunion and we received several updates on who is doing what and where. **Sara Bremner** recently relocated to San Francisco, joining **Lara Guille, Brent Pickett, Robin Van Orman, Marika Holmgren**, and **Stephanie Blair**. Marika is grassroots coordinator for the Rainforest Action Network where she recruits and trains volunteer activists. Lara is working on her M.A. in psychology. Stephanie is working for NASA at Stanford, starting a massage therapy practice, and attending the CA Institute for Integral Studies. ■ **Lesley Jarvis** and **Bill Ware** are attending Stanford Medical School. ■ **Dana Cronin** recently finished the pre-med program at MT State Univ. ■ In Jackson Hole, WY, **Heather Flood** has been training for the 1996-97 Women's Pro Ski Tour. She was leading the tour last season when she injured her knee. ■ In Grand Lake, CO, **Kate Kelley** continues to run her business, Made in the Shade Lemonade. In the off season she is the volunteer director of a program supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as teaching skiing at Winter Park Resort. ■ Over the pass in Breckenridge, **Laurie Greco** also teaches skiing in winter and attends Bread Loaf in summer. ■ **Catherine Speth** is coordinator of the Beaufort, SC, office of the Coastal Conservation League. She's also kayaking and working on her house. ■ **Sean Fitzsimmons** recently received his MBA from Univ. of VA's Darden School of Business. ■ During the summer, **Thomas Chambers**, a doctoral candidate in American history at the College of William and Mary, was an Edmund N. Snyder graduate fellow at the Stonewall Jackson House. ■ **Andrew Friendly** is still a White House aide for President Clinton. ■ **Marc Parsons** received his Juris Doctor from Tulane Law School. ■ In NJ, **Jonathan Nolde** teaches by day and plays music by night. ■ In NYC, **Tony Tedesco** continues to publish *Crisp* (http://www.crispzine.com), **John Thomas** is a graphic artist, and **Beth Levison** works for *National Geographic*. ■ **Heidi Spear** works for the Cambridge Group. ■ Also in and around the Boston area are **Colin Higgins, Nick Warendorf, Bill Tobin**, and **Liz Hopper**. ■ **Lesley Humphreys** is senior library associate at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. ■ **Rob Tod** is brewmaster at his very own brewery, the Allegash Brewing Co. Rob kindly brought samples to our 5th Reunion. ■ **Chris Emerson** recently launched a 21-foot Cape Cod style "cat" sailboat built by his own company, Emerson Boatworks, which builds only wooden boats. After familiarizing himself with the boat, the French buyer of the boat shipped it to his home in Brittany on the northwest coast of France. Drawing only two feet four inches of water, the catboat can rest on the mudflats of Brittany where tides reach 27 feet. Now Chris is working on a 35-foot-long gondola. ■ Newlyweds **Holly Beardwood** and Jeff Noordsey '92 live in Ripton, VT. Several classmates attended their Bristol, VT, wedding last September and reported having great fun at the reception, held at the base of Mad River Glen Ski Area. ■ In Burlington, VT, **Matt Bonner** is a computer consultant and **Jeff Collins** is attending UVM's environmental studies program. ■ **Tina Swain** is leaving Cornell for a year to teach Spanish at Wake Forest Univ. in Winston-Salem, NC. ■ News of the marriage of Shirin Tabechian '90 and **Winston Hart, Jr.**, appears in the 1990 column. ■ **Cassie Hartmann** and Craig Roe, married in Barrington, RI, on May 11, are now living in Auckland, New Zealand. The bridegroom is captain of the 92-foot sailing yacht, *Catalyst*, on which Cassie is the first mate. They spent their honeymoon in New

England and New York with 13 New Zealand family members and friends. ■ Several classmates attended the London marriage of **Frank Mosier** and Lady Sarah Wellesley in the Chapel of St. Mary Undercroft in the House of Lords. **Alex Williams** was the best man; **Dave Frame** and **Paul Scola** were groomsmen. Also attending were **Jason Shulman, Kate Batal Fort, Kate Grimes, Amanda Botts, Loring Knoblauch**, and **Bill Driscoll**. Many of the aforementioned were also in Sweden for the August 3 marriage of Annika and **Phil McCrea**. **Gavin Johnston** was also in attendance at Phil's wedding. ■ In Chatham, MA, for the marriage of Dez Havlicek '92 and Jen Roe '92 were **Chris Emerson** and "rockstar" **Rod Prudencio**. ■ **Tony Cardoza** has departed Nantucket Nectars and headed to the Univ. of CA School of Business at Berkeley. ■ Also living in Berkeley, **Cristina Salas-Porras** has started her own company, called O! Olive Oil, which is rapidly picking up momentum. ■ **Aaron Albright** has taken a new job on a trading desk for JP Morgan. He sees **Dave Frame**, who has done the same in NYC. ■ **Ian Morton** is a research analyst at Hambrecht and Quist in San Francisco. ■ **Liza Harding** is pursuing a master's in English at the Univ. of IA and Bread Loaf. ■ **Louise Kellogg** is living at the western entrance to Yellowstone in a "double wide," leading the charge for the environment. ■ **Rich Heald** is attending MI Business School this fall. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* Brooke Jette and **Patrick Berry** were married on June 8, 1996, in Mead Chapel by the Rev. Elizabeth Towle (M.A. French '69). Middlebury friends celebrating with them included John Kirk '86, **Dave Donahue, Matt Bonner, Pete Benedict, Kevin McCarthy**, Tim Berry '90, Pat Macuso '90, **Barney Hodges**, Bob Gianelly '90, **Johannes Ernharth, Nick Warendorf**, Peter Burton '66, Ann McGinley Ross '53, Jim Ross '51, Dottie Bigelow Neuberger '58, Holly McKenzie '61, Hugh Marlow '57, Betsy Heath Gleason '58, and Bob Gleason '54. Brooke and Pat are living in Missoula, MT, where Pat is pursuing a master's in environmental studies.

1992

REUNION CLASS

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Our ***5th Reunion*** is only a few short months away! **Lori Racha** (lracha@student.med.harvard.edu) and **Justin Ayers** (Justin.Ayers@FMR.com) are helping us plan a fabulous weekend of festivities, so don't miss Reunion '97, May 30-June 1! ■ **Mike Summersgill** invites all potential voters for his presidential bid to come visit his spacious penthouse in Boston. ■ **James Christian** celebrated a year of married bliss by taking his blushing bride traveling in ME before med school. ■ Having survived two Mardi Gras, **Erin OConnell**'s teaching physical education and social studies, as well as coaching girls basketball and softball at Metairie Park Country Day School in New Orleans. ■ **Tanna Schwarz** got her M.S. in counseling psychology student services in higher education from Univ. of WI, Madison last May. ■ **Jamie Gorman** is majoring in entrepreneurial management at UPenns's Wharton School. ■ After two years in Peru as a Jesuit international volunteer at the Center for the Working Child, **Amy Burkhardt** is a hospital patient care assistant back in the U.S. ■ **Duke Beardsley** is rumored to be in CA. Duke, update the alumni office of your whereabouts and give **Doug Cochran** a call! ■ **Tom Garrett**'s leading the San Francisco alumni chapter through the Ferrari-Carano vineyards in November. ■ **Kelly Watson** is associate director of admissions for Schools of the Sacred Heart in San Fran. ■ **Lesley Jarvis** and Bill Ware '91, who live on a boat in the Bay area, recently took a Midd crew (including **Susan Scheer**) on a moonlight sail. Lesley's working on her Ph.D./M.D. at Stanford. ■ Also in SF, with roommates Laurie Hutchins '93 and Liz Craig '93.5, **Kate Unterberg** works for a multimedia company. ■ **Jon Young** was *not* gallivanting around Outer Mongolia as reported last issue. Rather he was golfing at St. Andrews' natural putting course—the "Himalayas"—in Scotland. Jon's exploring the possibility of opening a Boston franchise of Britain's popular Spud-U-Like baked potato fast-food chain. ■ Two-year Hong Kong resident **Patricia Liu** is a research analyst at Sassoon Securities Ltd. She's seen **Joey Abramson** and Greg Gibb '89 and welcomes Midd folks to visit (phone 2817-1690). ■ Still in London, **Caroline Sahakian** traveled this summer before starting a new management consulting job in September. ■ **Wendy Cross** is traveling extensively in the Pacific Northwest, fronting for *Up With People.* ■ **Ted Leach** and **Corky Mather** are ringing in the ski season in Vail. ■ "Olympic Queen" **Stacey Fallon** was assistant housing manager for Olympic Village this summer. While she reports it was basically a month of headaches, she also has some incredible memories. ■ Based in Alexandria, **Laura Cohen**'s (cohenle@taprmp02.taprm.msmail.abbott.com) job with Tap Pharmaceuticals is not merely a "drug trafficking service." She makes sure her company's products are available to all Medicaid and Medicare recipients in PA, DE, DC, MD, VA, and WV. She reports that many state Medicaid programs are moving their enrollees into managed care in anticipation of block grants. ■ **Jordana Shaw** teaches French in Burlington. ■ Congratulations to Chuck and **Sara Lewis Rall** whose son, Carl, was born July 22. Sara works in child care. ■ And to Michael and **Terri Murray Keeler** in PA. Their new arrival is Rachel Lynn, born April 9. ■ **Rebecca Clark** married Stephen Bennett '90 in Windsor, CT, on July 13, 1996. **Jen Swift** and Matt Bonner '91 attended that event. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* The December 30, 1995, marriage of **Blakely Anderson** and John Atherton '93 brought together a gaggle of alums: (front row) Matt Martin '91, **Maria Vrachnos**, **Brent** and **Amy Lilly Truchon**, Ann Mc-Collum '86, the newlyweds, Mike Enlanger '93, Pete Kohn (reclining), Stu Campbell '93, Pic Walker '93, Jennifer Hillner '93, Teresa Bowers '93, Sarah Richardson '93, (middle row) **Dean Flanagan**, **Jess Kubek**, Heidi Zecher '93, Justin Fletcher '93, Alan Fitzpatrick '78, Sally Fitzpatrick '78, Todd Wagner '93, **Marian Darrell**, **Lisa Healey**, Chris Chiappa '93, David Salisbury '93, Grady Woodring '93, Dave Barclay '93, (back row) Jeff David '93, Courtney Slautterback '96, Chris Fagan '93, Will White '94, Andy Bozzo '94, **Jon Owsley**, **Banc Jones**, **Gerry Pearce**, Roy McKinnon '94, and **Pete Steinle**. Susie Caldwell '93 missed the photo. ■ South of the Mason Dixon line in Johnson City, TN, **Leslie Cone** and Giovanni Pagnotta (Parsons School of Design '86; M.Arch. Yale '89) were

Blakely Anderson '92 and John Atherton '93 (see 1992 column)

Jennifer Rowe '92 and Desmond Havlicek '92 (see 1992 column)

Sue Gurney '92 and Shawn Guerrette '93 (see 1992 column)

Receiving their MBAs from Boston Graduate School of Business in May 1995 were Bill McCabe '86, Jeff Clarke '82, Sue Resnicoff '91, and Marc Boyle '88.

Laurie Hutchins '93, J.B. Brainerd '89, and Liz Craig '94 raised more than $15,000 in the California AIDS Ride 3 last June, biking from San Francisco to L.A.

Leslie Cone '92 and Giovanni Pagnotta (see 1992 column)

Jodie Lachowitz '93 and Eric Sandman (see 1993 column)

Darsie White '94 and John Swanson '92 (see 1992 column)

married on June 22. Enjoying the wine Tom Garrett brought from CA were **Tom Kovach**, **Cynthia Lewis**, Kate "Disco" Briscoe '94, Ken Holmstrom '93, **Tom Garrett**, Mary Robertson '94, **Mike** "Mr. President" **Summersgill**, Laura "Sister" Christian '94, **Tabitha Jenkins**, **Tom** "Skater" **McCraw**, **Kate Cote**, **Yohannes Makonnen**, **Susan Scheer**, **Heather Wilson**, Dierdre Heekin '89, and Caleb Barber '88. ■ In Burlington, VT, the August 12, 1995, marriage of **Sue Gurney** and Shawn Guerrette '93 was celebrated with Otter Creek beer by (back row) Hank Calam '93, Jonathan Selwood '93, **Erin O'Connell**, **Wendy Cross**, Brian Meehan '93, David Ferris '93, Brad Williams '93, (front row) Jessica Fiedler '96, Ben Freiberg '95, Jamie Brenner '93, the newlyweds, **Kate Unterberg**, Kit Nichols '93. The newlyweds live in Philadelphia, where Shawn is in the molecular genetics and microbiology Ph.D. program at Thomas Jefferson Univ. and Sue (sguerret @thunder.ocis.temple.edu) teaches vocational instructors while working on her master's in special education at Temple. ■ **Jennifer Rowe** and **Desmond Havlicek** were married on July 20, 1996, in Chatham, MA. Pictured at the Chatham Bars Inn were **Sarah Cameron**, **Lauren Baker**, Bart de Vries '93, Kyna Mackey '93, **Chris Bushey**, **Jules Reinhart**, **John Bicknel**, **Kendall Garey**, Chris Emerson '91, **Shasta Darlington**, **Erica Nourjian**, **Tish O'Mara**, **Nils von Zelowitz**, Greg Navage '94, **Faith Donovan**, Chris Beck '85, Virginia Rowe '53, John Field '55, Cincy Rowe Pelletier '78, Donald Rowe '52, Bill Driscoll '91, **Christa Hawryluk**, Paul Scola '91, **Cammy Barrett**, **Justin Keyes**, **David Hanlon**, **Lyle Humphrey**, **Jake Donovan**, Rod Prudencio '91, Barbara and Hugh Marlow '57. The newlyweds returned to Ireland, where Jen works for the Institute for International Sport and Des is at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. ■ The May 25 marriage of Darsie White '94 and **John Swanson** in Piedmont, CA, brought together (from bottom to top of staircase) **Greg Hanson**, **Monique Speidell**, Liz Weems '94, Rebecca Eisele '94, **Matt Benjamin**, **Susan Scheer**, Virginia Martin '94, **Andy Aube**, **Eric Mendelsohn**, Nancy Hastings '94, **Ali Vreeland**, **Lori Racha**, Sarah Han-nigan '94, and **Damon Silverman**.

1993

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In NYC, **Kuni Chen** (dkbdkb@ix.netcom.com) is an analyst for the Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, **Hank Calam** sells muni bonds at Gabriele Hueglin & Cashman, and **Brian Meehan** is an analyst at Moore Capital Management. ■ Recently returned from a six-month trip to Australia, **Greg Sams** is now back in Montreal, looking to invest in the restaurant business. ■ After living and competing in skiing in Lake Tahoe, CA, for the past two years in pursuit of the U.S. Team, **Scott Gillespie** did some graphic design work at the Advisory Board in Washington, DC, with Maja Thaler '94. Gillespie spent August competing in skiing on tour in New Zealand. All S.F. Midd skiers wishing to go to Tahoe this winter, send an e-mail to gillesps@advisory.com. ■ **Amoreena Hartnett** and **Bill O'Bryon** are living in the San Francisco Bay area. Bill, the "Webmaster" at Shaklee, entertains locals as a member of his popular local band, *Levy-09*. Amoreena is advertising traffic manager for *Hotwired* magazine's on-line counterpart. Amoreena still hears from **Elissa Safer**, who is in the final stretch at UVA Law School; Maggie Terry '94, who is working in NYC; and **Heather Miller**, who works near Burlington and is preparing for medical school. ■ **Robert Geckle, Jr.**, graduated cum laude with a juris doctor degree from the Boston College Law School. ■ **Laura Ward** is a second-year medical student at the Univ. of Pittsburgh. ■ Since graduation, **Becky Chollet** has taught environmental education in ND and junior high in Peterborough, NH. "Last summer I hiked the Long Trail and was fortunate enough to recuperate at **Dexter Mahaffey**'s place in Midd. I am also a volunteer EMT on the Peterborough Fire Dept. As a result of all these endeavors, I have no life." ■ **Brian Howie** received his juris doctor degree summa cum laude from Washington and Lee Univ. School of Law. ■ **Ryan Jones** spent summer '95 commercial fishing in AK and the previous year at the Univ. of HI. Now he has transferred to the Univ. of MD to conclude his study in speech pathology. Ryan would love to be contacted by old friends and classmates at rdjones@wam.umd.edu. He and Ruth Kelty '95 recently saw Anne Seator '94 and Tynlee Roberts '94 and keep in touch with **Pam Daigle** and **Emily Robbins** via the Internet. ■ After his first year at Dartmouth's Engineering School, **Sean Casten** spent the summer in Hanover. ■ **Holly Cookis** writes: "I am working for a nonprofit environmental organization in Toledo, OH. I am still 'talking trash,' but this time to kids instead of college students." ■ **Eliza Booth** has returned to the U.S. after living, traveling, and working for 15 months in Chile. Now working for *National Geographic* in DC, she is often sighted in company of Fozz, Heidi, and other Midds. ■ **John Campanale** is teaching English and still finding time to do some writing. He teaches and coaches football at Bridgton Academy in ME. ■ **Anne Harris** is still in Tucson at St. Gregory School, where she began her second year as a journalist and English teacher. She spent an unusual summer in MA, where she had an NEH grant to study and work for continued innovation in Shakespeare studies. ■ In CO, **Brooke Wynkoop** is involved with graphic design in Denver and hoped to coach crew in the fall. Kali McGurk '94 has been performing with a theatre/dance company since 1995, performed in the Seattle Fringe Theatre Festival, and directed her first show. Both women welcome "traveling friends," and hope you'll contact them at 303/545-2498 (or drop by 705 31st St., Boulder 80303). ■ In Denver, **Bob Danielewicz** and **Rick Merriam** have resumed their modest soccer careers, playing Fridays and Sundays in an adult recreational league. ■ **Cal Reichenbach** lives in Aspen, where he has started a band named Super Crank. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* **Jodie Lachowitz** (Jodies@her-cher.org) and Eric Sandman were married on June 15, 1996. Celebrating with them in Simsbury, CT, were **Josh Miller**, Brad Libby '96, **Matt Hoenck**, Scott Godes '94, **Rachel Martin**, Fawn Horvath '92, **Cecelia Leung**, Beth Walter '92, the newlyweds, **Nancy Logan**, Kara Lachowitz '96, and **Amy Fox**. The newlyweds have moved from DC to the Boston area, where Jodie is a programmer for a health economics consulting firm.

1994

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In NYC, **Laura Cowperthwait** is a research analyst at Veronis, Suhler, & Associates; **Bob Crowley** is at Salomon Brothers; and **Ashley Essex** (aessex @drco.com) is doing equity research for Dillon Read. ■ **Chun Mei** recently

did a training program for J.P. Morgan, where **Greg Boosin** (boosin_gregory @jpmorgan.com) is doing equity research, **Steve Reale** (reale_stephen @jpmorgan.com) is covering institutional sales/trading of securities, and **Casey Cline** (cline_casey@jpmorgan.com) is in investment banking. ■ **Matt Bingham** and **Sarah Teele** were leading an outdoor trip, then moving to OK to teach at a private school. ■ **Kennan Radebaugh** teaches seventh grade and coaches field hockey at Holland Hall in Tulsa. ■ **Teresa Cooper** (TeeCooper @aol.com) writes for a New Orleans magazine called *Tribe*. ■ **Chris Marshall** performed in the Shakespeare festival in Boulder, CO. ■ While applying to medical schools, **Josh Kucker** (jkucker @aol.com) studies at the Univ. of CO, volunteers in two hospitals, and works as an EMT. ■ **Kelly Cole** has started the Ph.D. program in telecommunications/media studies at the Univ. of WI, Madison. ■ At the Univ. of MI, **Carmine Tomas** and **Paul Bavier** have started law school and **Maggie Marinace** is studying architecture. ■ In law school at DePaul, **Sandy Durst** wants to hear from others in the Chicago area. ■ **Stephanie Tucker** (satucker@artsci.wustl.edu) is in the German Ph.D. program at Washington Univ., St. Louis. **Laura Eckert** lived two floors down from Steph this summer. ■ **Amy McKee** started medical school at Tulane. ■ **Jason Stull** (jstull@aol.com) works with the National Disease Research Interchange, while taking night classes in organic chem and physics. ■ **Melissa McClure** is marketing director for a snowboarding magazine in L.A. ■ **Gretchen Anderson** is in grad school at Stanford. ■ **April Paris** and **Anthony Joseph** (formerly Atkinson) are the new parents of Gabriel Preston Joseph. ■ **Karl Pelletier** (karlpell@aol.com) is teaching at Mt. Bachelor Academy in OR. ■ **Jen Foss** (jenfoss@aol.com) has moved to San Francisco, joining **Lafayette Taylor**, **Alix Spivack**, **Jen St. Clair** (jstclair@zip.sbi.com), an equity sales assistant at Salomon Brothers; **Sarah Johnson**, in PR and marketing at Williams Sonoma; **David Hooper**, at an investment firm; Matt Waddell '95, a trader for Thomas White; and **Jimmy Doulos**, a chef at Scala's Restaurant. ■ **Terese Tatum** (ttatum@ipro.com) and **Heidi Poulin** (hpoulin @mcgraw-hill.com) were visited by **Emily Guth** (emguth@aol.com), before she left for the Peace Corps in Bratislava, and **Holly Rudiger**, who's teaching in NH. ■ **Matt Gorra** left S.F. to get a JD/MBA at Cornell. ■ **Chris Willcox** left Oracle Corp. for a year in Africa. ■ **Amanda Angle** taught English in Africa last year. ■ **Heather Thomas** is in medical school in Grenada. ■ **Tim Bernard** is juggling work, classes, interning, and "CO stuff." ■ While getting an MFA in screen-writing from the American Film Institute, **Gene Swift** wrote two films, including *A Guy Walks into a Bar*, starring Fred Savage. **Chris Carter** lives in Gene's apartment building. ■ **Anne Seator** and **Tynlee Roberts** have moved from Hong Kong to DC. Tynlee works in conference services at the Ritz Carlton. ■ Also in DC, **Meg Regan** (mregan@aed.org) is a placement assistant for Academy for Educational Development, **Rob Schlessinger** is freelance writing, **Steve Pettibone** is working for the U.S.-Russia Business Council, and **Rob Merrill** is working at Very Special Arts, a nonprofit organization promoting arts education and creative expression for people with disabilities. He's rooming with **Dudley Winthrop**. ■ **Webb Burns** has been on assignment in Baltimore. ■ **Brian DeChristopher**, now in corporate strategy and finance practice at AD Little, has been fixing up his new condo. ■ **Meg Martin** married Derek Maguire in August and moved to Canada, where Derek plays for the Montreal Canadiens. ■ **Martha Rhode**, project manager at Learning International, recently saw Prof. Ellen Oxfeld, who was doing field work in Beijing. Visiting Martha this summer were **Catherine Tilford**, who has taught in Japan for two years, and **Kathleen Kuykendall**, who works for J.P. Morgan in NYC. ■ **KT Briscoe** is at London School of Economics. ■ **Alex Mackintosh** moved back to the UK in July. ■ In London, **Anna Belknap** was an *au pair* for theatre profs. Richard Romagnoli and Cheryl Faraone. ■ **Viviana Gentile** is working with HIV positive kids in Italy. ■ **Rebecca Wurdak** is with the Peace Corps in Gabon. ■ **Goska Gnoinska** is teaching English in Japan with her husband. ■ **Booth Hodde** returned from Slovakia in early August, after doing his Peace Corps stint. ■ **Nick Nebolsine** spent several weeks in Sweden for ECS. ■ **Won Kim** spent a month in Europe before starting work on a Ph.D. in history. ■ After working for the United Nations Development Programme in Dhaka, Bangladesh, **Iffath Sharif** is getting her master's in public affairs at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School. ■ **Johanna Chapin** is a policy analyst at environmental consulting firm Sealaw Group, while taking economics courses at UVA. ■ **Michael Howson** is teaching in Richmond, VA, after two years in Japan and a cross-country journey with **Jeff Bushell**. ■ **Amanda Stine** is taking pre-med classes at UNC. ■ SAVOIR (Southern African Venture to Organize and Inspire Reading), co-founded by **Jean Andersson** to collect books for Africa, got a boost from the Middlebury area this summer when district recycling coordinator Porter Ball Knight '89 collected literally tons of books for the effort. ■ This summer, **Matt Thomas** studied oxygen tension in ischemic intestines using electron paramagnetic resonance at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. ■ **Betsy Godshalk** works at Feinstein Partners in Cambridge, MA. ■ Kristin Cain and **Jay Robison** were married on July 26. ■ A honeymoon in AK awaited **Katherine Hardin** and **Neall Currie** following their June 8 marriage in Burlington, VT. At the wedding were **Schdell Marquez, Cindy Coe, Carolyn Ashby, Adam Gilden, Scott Riccio, Jen Hutchins, Tom LaMotte, Michelle Parchesky, Doug Perkins, Jen Waaler, Heather Driscoll**, Becki Plona '95, Russian prof. Alexandra Baker, and Margaret Heald Lawton '40. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Anchorage, AK. ■ **Hardy Merrill** is the snowmaking supervisor at Sugarbush Resort. He specializes in microcomputer-controlled automation of snowmaking pumps, compressors, and snowguns, as well as managing water and electrical power usage. In the summer, he manages capital construction projects. ■ Married at Middlebury in July, **Peggy Kline** (margaret_c._kline @ccmgate.dbh.com) and **Kip Kirkpatrick** celebrated with **Erik Roth, Theo Dolan, Pete O'Hara**, Dane '93 and **Elizabeth Gold Sobeck, Kristi Bender, Kelly Kryc**, and **Karen Bowden**. The Sobeks visited AK, before returning to Seattle. The newlyweds live in Glastonbury, CT. Kip is at Arthur Andersen, and Peggy is a legal assistant at Day, Berry & Howard.

1995

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Benjamin Williams is the first Middlebury student to win an Apker Award from the American Physical Society, in recognition of the most outstanding research in physics or astronomy carried out by an undergraduate student. His accomplishments have been written up in *Astronomy* and *Sky and Telescope* magazines. ■ **Jake Kritzer** is working on a graduate degree in marine biology in Sydney, Australia. ■ **John Ludwig** enhances aerial photos in a photogrammetry lab in CO. ■ **Hannah Robinson** volunteers for a women's shelter in Washington, DC. ■ **Greg Hanscom** works for an environmental magazine and studies journalism in MT. ■ **Carine Falkenberg** spent her summer in Norway, before heading to NYU to work on her master's in social work. ■ **Liz Page** has been bartending at the New England Culinary Institute in Essex Junction. ■ **Mollie Knox** is starting her second year of teaching in Ecuador. ■ **Chris Venable** is doing a two-year Peace Corps tour in the African nation of Burkina Faso, where he will be a nurse. ■ **Ryan Sullivan** landed a job at Georgetown Univ. as a member of the football coaching staff. ■ **Megan Hathaway** is teaching English in Toyama City, Japan, this year. ■ **Dan Perregaux** spent the summer in a medical research post in Buffalo, where he's in his second year of medical school. ■ **Jen Hazen** is the environmental coordinator this year at Middlebury College. ■ **Chris Osher** is helping the handicapped find employment in CA. ■ **Cisco Heller** is in veterinary school at UPenn. ■ In Boston, **Tim Bianchi** organizes trips to Europe for high schools and grade schools. ■ In L.A., **Tim Rummel** edits CD-Rom cartoons for Seventh Level and **Amy Young** is in the UCLA doctoral program in geology. ■ **Dave Masopust** and **Chris Whitely** spent seven months traveling through Latin America. Dave now works at an immunology lab at the Univ. of CT Health Center. ■ **Yoko Nakao** has an advertising position in Tokyo. ■ Back from a trip through Asia, **Dave Morgan** is pursuing a photography career in TN. ■ **Lance Klingler** is a second-year medical student at Vanderbilt Med School in Nashville. He spent the summer backpacking across Europe. ■ **Jennie Reithel** spent her summer at the Rocky Mountain Biology Lab. She's working with biologist Christina Jones at Wellesley. ■ **Rob Curr** has been traveling the country, supervising the distribution of telephone books. ■ **Jason Prenevost** is a sixth grade teacher in Storrs, CT. ■ **Tory von Hessert** is a paralegal in Boston, where **Mark Hamre** is a financial analyst. ■ **Cynthia Cordner** (ccordner@ cyber com.net) has moved to Boston, where she is working as a Q.A. Engineer for a networking company called NetSuite. ■ **Denise Kmetzo** has returned to CT after a year in France. ■ **Charlie Wyman** is a financial analyst for CS First Boston in NYC. ■ **Rodney Rothman** is now a staff writer for the "Late Show with David Letterman" (look out Bart Simpson!). ■ **Abby Clough** is working with plants and flowers in NYC. ■ **Hillary Beard** has been lobbying for Social Security reform. Together with her father, she runs a nonprofit organization called Economic Security 2000, a lobbying group for fiscal reform, and she has given nearly 100 speeches in 20 states on the subject. ■ **David Diamonon** (diamonon@ifc.basnet.minsk.by) is managing the International Finance Corp. office in Minsk, Belarus. **Tina Monson** was his immediate predecessor and **Oliver Truog** became IFC's office manager in Kiev, Ukraine, in August. David writes: "During the first half of June, I had the pleasure of visiting **Sash Schmemann** in Jerusalem, Israel. In fact, the rarity of the opportunity to make such a trip forced me to forego attending Ollie and **Sara Morgan**'s wedding. Before that trip I had been working in Riga, Latvia, as cash manager for an American-owned trucking company. While there, I corresponded almost daily with **Deirdre Langeland** over the trusty Internet. As

far as I know, Deirdre is still working for SoundPrints in Bridgeport, CT, publishing children's books. I hear from **Sarah Bechen** and **Kevin Raymond** every so often. It seems Kevin is rather involved in being a financial analyst in Boston. **Cisco Heller** continues to find time to exercise obsessively in between vet school at Penn and chasing cows for his internship. **Brendan Murphy** is presumably still in Washington, DC. Hope everyone's doing well in their post-grad experiences. Feel free to drop me a line." ■ Thanks go to **Martha Mullane** and **Nikki Mathews** for helping us compile the information for this column.

1996

Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Varney, 256 Boston Ave., #3, Medford, MA 02155; and Mohan Renganathan, 28 Oak Cir., Princeton, MA 01541.*

A report from Stacey Fallon '92, assistant housing manager at Olympic Village: "When the flags of 197 nations flew in Atlanta this summer for the Olympics, the Middlebury banner should have been raised as well. Fifteen Middlebury alumni and students worked in the Olympic Village Housing. Their multi-language capabilities, composure, and hard work helped ensure the success of the Olympic Village. Combined, they spoke a total of 9 languages (Spanish, French, German, Russian, Chinese, Italian, Swedish, Korean, and Dutch). Their international awareness and political savvy helped the athletes feel at home and many developed friendships with the Olympic athletes. The true spirit of the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part and all the Middlebury participants deserve gold medals for their contribution to the Games. Thanks to all of you who made the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games the best Games ever. The Olympic stars from Middlebury are Matt Hamilton '95, **Christina Pease, Jonathan Carver, Alexandra Causton, Natasha Causton, Susan Van Buren, Bill Dyer, Humberto Garcia-Sjogrim, Andres Fontao, Yim Lee, Jennifer Kahn, Lucy Ide** '97, **Erica Steckler** '97, **Randy Woods** '98, and **Jeanne Lee** '99. They did a great job and always went above and beyond the call of duty. The rest of the housing staff also commented on the hard work and reliability of the Middlebury group. We honestly could not have done it without them." **Kathy Spaulding** was also employed by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. **Laurel Cox** was working for NBC Sports, and **Ken Ross** and **Megan Tully** were working at the House of Blues in Atlanta during the Games. ■ Receiving MBAs from NH College this spring were **Tyler Lincoln, Alexandra Quijano**, and **Andrew Hayes**. ■ In the Boston area, **Jarret Wolfson** is attending BC Law School; **Kali Azzi** is working for Ibis Consulting; **Kara Lachowitz** (kara@firefly.net) works at a computer company called Firefly Network, Inc.; **Vineet Singh** worked for Monitor Consulting this summer, and headed to Dartmouth in the fall to complete his master's in electrical engineering; **Doug Levine** is gainfully employed in the restaurant industry; **Marlisa Simonson** is with Ziff Corp., a technology publishing firm; **Sid Suri** is working in Cambridge; and **Bill Dyer** is working for Harvard translations. Sid and Bill live on Beacon Hill, just down the street from consultant **Christy Thomsen** and accountant **Lisa Caruso**. **Amanda Gordon** is working with Lisa at Deloitte & Touche. ■ **Courtney Marsh** was job searching in CT. ■ In Manhattan, **Andrew Dukowicz** and **Elizabeth Prescott** are working in research labs; **Petra Stuehmeier** is working for Time/Warner; and **Mo Renganathan** is consulting for Price Waterhouse. ■ **John Goyert** spent the summer at Martha's Vineyard, then headed back to OH job hunting. ■ **Dan Mucha** has been at his new job in Prague since June. ■ **Shannon Forbush** headed to England this fall to pursue her master's degree in writing.

Mohan Renganathan and friends from the Class of '96 were out on the beach on Martha's Vineyard in June.

■ **Beth Del Colliano** is working for a publishing firm in NJ. ■ In DC, **Tracy Varghese** is applying her SGA skills in her new job at the Justice Department. ■ **Colleen Oates, Paolo Raden**, and **Brian Hickson** traveled in Europe this summer. Colleen is working in Burlington, Brian is working for PCSI in San Diego, and Paolo is in grad school at UC-Boulder. ■ **JJ Ludman** is at Dartmouth grad school. ■ **Umar Serajuddin** is in Midd working for econ prof. David Colander and sharing the brown house with **Jenna Lane**, who did a documentary field studies program in ME this summer. ■ **Jane Halladay** spent the summer working at Chellis House. ■ **Matt Hazen** is Teaching for America in Houston. ■ **Jen Murray** is taking classes in Spain for a few months. ■ **Elena Zabeli** is earning her master's at Midd Paris. ■ **Bret Thibault** biked across the country this summer on Bike-Aid, raising money and awareness for the environment. ■ **Jen Varney** and **Ali Dorf** are working like crazy in Boston, and **Lisa Old** is taking classes at Tufts. ■ **Jen Wells** and **Margaret Seiche** are working in NYC. ■ **Alexis Holtzman** spent her summer in France. ■ **Pete Schermerhorn** is in Burlington after traveling in Europe this summer. ■ **Niamh O'Leary- Liu** (dliu@nando. net) e-mailed that she's psyched to start law school at UPenn and spent her summer researching forensic drug testing for the NC Dept. of Labor, controlled substances division. ■ **Dania Palanker** interned with the American Assoc. of Univ. Women this summer. ■ **Robynne Maii** is working and attending culinary school in Honolulu.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH

An art gallery in Clinton, CT, has been named in honor of artist **Margaret Deal Wilson** (M.A. '37). Mrs. Wilson is an active painter at age 90. ■ Sister **Lucille Thibodeau** ('77) has been selected as an American Council on Education Fellow for 1996-97. She is an assoc. prof. of English at Rivier College, Nashua, NH. ■ Norwich Univ. educator **Judy Schaaf** (M.Litt. '78) has been named the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UMass Dartmouth. ■ **Cynthia Huntington** (M.A. '83) is the winner of the 1996 Beatrice Hawley Award for her book of poetry, *We Have Gone to the Beach* (to be published October 1996). Cynthia is an associate prof. of English at Dartmouth College. ■ **Roger Mork** (M.A. '83) has been teaching high school English in Lander, WY, for 23 years. ■ **Will Speers** (M.A. '84) has won a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to compile a bibliography of African-American authors. Will is on sabbatical this year from his duties as assistant headmaster of St. Andrew's School, Wilmington, DE. ■ Sister **Barbara Lynch**, CSJ (M.A. '89), received her MLS from St. John's Univ. with honors in May '95. This April she received the B. Daniel Quinlan Memorial Award in recognition of outstanding scholarship and service from St. John's Univ., div. of library and information science.

FRENCH

Now retired to Mt. Pleasant, SC, **Mary Virginia Allen** (M.A. '38) retired in 1979 as a prof. of French and chair of the dept. at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA. ■ **Bonnie Dozer Lisko** continues to teach part time. Her term as state president of AAUP has ended, but she is still involved with that, as well as the Alliance Française, and her church. ■ Since her 1988 retirement as chair of modern languages and literatures at Russell Sage College (Troy, NY), **Adrienne Rogers** (M.A. '54) has been a supervisor of interns seeking the M.A. in teaching at Union College, Schenectady, NY. Adrienne "would like to see a reunion organized for language school alumnae who studied abroad." ■ Independent scholar and writer **Nancy Wilkins Klein** (ndklein@aol.com) (M.A. '59) of Jacksonville, FL, recently published her second book, *Selected Writings of Madame di Villedieu* (Peter Lang, 1995), as part of a Feminist Literary Studies "Writing About Women." ■ Now retired from teaching at Ketchikan High School, **Mary Jo Turek** (M.A. '71) (mjturek@ptialaska.net) has done two solo art shows: *On Site* (1994) and *Making Faces* (1996). She has also produced an international music, information, and interview program for 17 years for the public radio station KRBD. ■ **Richard Conoboy** (74627.1447@compuserve.com) (M.A. '72), in DC since 1984, "would like to hear from anyone in the French M.A. program from my class." Married to Cecile Hanania of Marseille, France, on January 5, 1995, he is now director of resource management in the Defense Missing Persons Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense. ■ Penn State Mont Alto French teacher Peggy **Overington Weller** introduces young children to the joys of learning French by conducting weeklong summer camps in her Waynesboro, PA, home. ■ With 15 years of experience in video and audio engineering and recording, **Bob Edmonson** (M.A. '73), of Orleans, MA, has been promoted to technical director at Paraclete Video. ■ **Gail Weisberg Slater** (M.A. '73) is the bilingual liaison for the Brooklyn and Staten Island High Schools of the NYC Board of Education. ■ **Lisa Fudge Frutchy** is director of training at First Teachers Federal Credit Union in Schenectady, NY. ■ **Bruce R. Baker** (M.A. '76) is an adjunct associate prof., School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Univ. of Pittsburgh. He is also president of Semantic Compaction Systems, a method he founded for the empowerment of thousands of individu-

als suffering with severe speech disabilities. ■ Spaulding High School English teacher **Stefanie Ayers Cravedi** (M.A. '83) won the Lyndon Institute Kingdom Award in Literature for her poem, *Oh, Emily*. The poem is about Emily Dickinson, as well as the experience of reading poetry. ■ **Anne Troy** (M.A. '83), a French teacher at a ME middle school, is also an herbalist with a small business on her farm. She makes and sells herbal skin care products, called Snow Moon Naturals. ■ Kingston, NH, attorney **Brian Woodworth** (M.A. '84) entered the NH governor's race in June. ■ We are sorry to report the death of **Sandra Hazelton** (M.A. '86) and her daughter, Katrina Rose, in the July 17 crash of TWA flight 800. ■ **Carol Smucker** (csmucker@umich.edu) (M.A. '87) is teaching at the Univ. of WI-Green Bay. Her specialty is 19th- and 20th-century literature and culture. She completed her Ph.D. at the Univ. of MI last May. ■ **Michelle Dubreuil** (M.A. '88) is teaching English in a public high school on a Fulbright Teacher Exchange in Benin, West Africa. She now knows "that I must retire in a tropical country with a small hut on the beach and plenty of fruit!" ■ **Anne Frances Carlson** (M.A. '90) (acarlso4@students.wisc.edu) has accepted a position in French at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN. ■ **Lois M. Hines** (M.A. '93; M.A. Spanish '86) and husband John Shaw welcomed second son Matthew Hines Shaw on April 2, 1996.

GERMAN

As a staff writer for the *Times Tribune* newspaper in Scranton, PA, **Gina Derienzo Thackara** (M.A. '72) has received a Center for Education Reform Excellence in Journalism award. ■ **Dawn Murphy Kiechle** (M.A. '73) is teaching Latin and German at Indian River High School in Philadelphia, NY. She has twice been nominated for inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. ■ **Jacqueline Merriam Paskow** (M.A. '84) has been awarded the Homer L. Dodge Award for Excellence in Teaching at St. Mary's College (MD) where she has taught since 1981. Jacqueline founded LEAP, the Learning Enrichment After-School Program, wherein St. Mary's students teach foreign languages to elementary students.

ITALIAN

Jack D. Street (M.A. '83 and Ph.D. '64, Univ. of IA) chairs the dept. of modern languages and literatures at Beloit College, where he has taught French and Italian for 35 years. On March 11, 1996, he was awarded the medal of the Univ. of Rennes 2/Upper Brittany, Rennes, France, in a ceremony commemorating the 30th anniversary of Beloit College's study program, the French Seminar, at that university. Jack founded the semester-long program and has been resident director of it a dozen times. ■ Returning to NYC after working in Italy and Madrid, **Carolyn Gengo** (M.A. '94) is teaching Italian and Spanish at Preston High School in the Bronx.

JAPANESE

Steve Hanna ('94) finished his undergraduate work at Brown Univ. and is studying Japanese this year in Yokohama.

SPANISH

David Rearwin (M.A. '65) "took a linguistic detour into Japanese, courtesy of the U.S. Foreign Service. Now teaching Spanish in Telluride, CO 81435 (P.O. Box 3857). Would like to hear from classmates, including **Alberto Guidi, Ira Scher**, and **Barry Amis**" (all M.A. '65). ■ Major General **Fred Gorden** (M.A. '69) is chief of public affairs at the Pentagon. ■ In Alexandria, VA, Major General **John C. Thompson** (M.A. '71) is commanding general of the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command. ■ **Corina Rodríguez-Capote** (M.A. '75) retired in 1992 as assistant prof. of Spanish at The Franciscan Univ. of Steubenville, OH, but she continues to teach summer school. ■ **Linda Hughes Kelley** (M.A. '78) is head of school at Winchester Thurston School in Pittsburgh, PA. ■ **Leonor Lobo de Gonzalez** (M.A. '79) writes from Vero Beach, FL: "Taught and was chairman of the English dept. at St. Edward's School for six years, then helped establish the Center for the Arts, where I now serve on the board of trustees. I also travel, hike, and find life at its most interesting at this moment." Leonor was looking forward to her first experience at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference this past summer. ■ **Patrick Henaghan** (M.A. '80) (toro57@aol.com) spent four weeks this summer traveling in Spain and Portugal—his tenth trip to the Iberian Peninsula. Patrick is chair of the foreign language dept. at St. John's Prep School in Danvers, MA. ■ With a Ph.D. in Spanish literature from the Univ. of VA ('92), **Lynn McGovern-Waite** (M.A. '85) is the chair of the foreign language dept. of Bridgewater College, where she has been teaching since fall '92. Lynn's interview with prize-winning Spanish author, Lourdes Ortiz, will appear in the fall 1997 issue of *Letras peninsulares*. ■ After teaching Spanish at West Point as an assistant prof. (1987-90), LTC **Rudi García** (M.A. '87) attended the Brazilian Army Command and General Staff College at Rio de Janeiro in 1991. He was then assigned to Rastein Air Force Base in Germany (1992-93); to Washington, DC (1993-94); then to the U.S. Embassy, Lisbon, as Army Attaché to Portugal (1994 to the present).

OBITUARIES

1925

OLIVET M. BECKWITH, 92, of West Hartford, CT, on July 29, 1996. She held an M.A. in mathematics from the Univ. of MI (1926). Miss Beckwith did accounting work for Phoenix Mutual and Aetna Life Insurance companies, and was the first woman in the U.S. to become a Fellow of the Life Office Management Association in 1938. During World War II, she taught first aid for the Red Cross and drove for the Red Cross Motor Corp. Retiring in 1941, she studied piano at the Hartford Conservatory of Music and Hartt College of Music. She was a charter member and deacon of the Flagg Road United Church of Christ in West Hartford. She is survived by two nieces, two great-nieces, and many friends.

ARTHUR H. BULBULIAN, 95, of Rochester, MN, on June 23, 1996. Of Armenian descent, he was born in Tals, Turkey, and fled with his family to Lebanon in 1919 and to the U.S. in 1920. He obtained a doctorate in dental surgery from the Univ. of MN in 1931. In 1933, he designed and constructed a series of life-size models for the 1933 World's Fair and then developed a medical education museum for the Mayo Clinic. Through his skill in building lifelike models, he became involved with facial prosthesis and became a world authority in that field. His books are still commonly used texts. Retiring from the clinic in 1965, he continued his facial prosthesis work in a Rochester office into his 90s. In 1938 he developed a leak-proof mask which became the prototype for all subsequent oxygen masks. His design proved useful both for clinical use and for aviators at high altitudes. His artistry and inventiveness contributed both to the Mayo Clinic and to the Air Force, as well as helping hundreds of patients resume near-normal lives after suffering facial deformities. Middlebury College awarded him an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1970. The Univ. of MN presented him with its Outstanding Achievement Award in 1972. Prosthetic Research International in Deventer, the Netherlands, named its headquarters building in his honor. His wife of 52 years, Wilhelmina (Wilson) survives him, along with daughters Naomi Wells, Josephine Bulbulian, and Rachel Bulbulian '76, and two grandchildren. A brother, Theodoret H. Bulbulian '25, died in 1975.

1927

JOSEPH L. FINNEGAN, 90, of Clearwater, FL, on August 5, 1996. Mr. Finnegan held an M.A. (NY Univ.) and did graduate work at Rutgers Univ. He was a teacher in the New Haven, CT, public schools, became a principal in West Haven, and retired in 1969 as a principal in Maplewood, NJ. Mr. Finnegan was a coach and sports official, as well as a champion golfer. He attended his 65th Reunion at Middlebury in 1992. Survivors include daughters Betsy Rossey and Mary Leitner, and three grandchildren. His late sister, Kathryn Finnegan Beauregard, graduated from Middlebury in 1922.

1930

BERTIL C. NYLEN, 84, of Wilmington, DE, on February 13, 1996, of complications from a broken hip. During 32 years with DuPont, Mr. Nylen was an industrial and chemical engineer, operations manager, and sales executive. He retired in 1962 as assistant director of the biochemical laboratory. During World War II, he supervised the Manhattan Project's plutonium separation plant in Oak Ridge, TN. A lifelong activist on behalf of disabled children, he founded the Delaware Association for Handicapped Children, helped start the Delaware Day School for Handicapped Children, and was chairman of fundraising for the Opportunity Center. Predeceased by his wife, Helen (Jamison), he is survived by daughter Susanne Nylen, sons Robert and John, and one granddaughter.

1932

ELEANOR BENJAMIN CLEMENS BERRY, 85, of Shoreham, VT, on July 8, 1996, after suffering a stroke while cruising the fjords of Norway. With a master's in library science (Simmons College), she was librarian at Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore) and later chaired the board of trustees of the Hingham (MA) library. During World War II, she was a nurse's aide in Arlington, VA, and served as an air raid warden. A strong supporter of Middlebury College, she was one of the founding members of the Friends of Art. She lobbied on behalf of Home Health in the state of VT and chaired the Porter Medical Center board of trustees. She was predeceased by husband Chester H. Clemens '33 (in 1973), by husband Richard H. Berry '32 (in 1992), by sister Evelyn Benjamin Megathlin '32, and by brother-in-law Norman F. Megathlin '32. Survivors include daughter Virginia Clemens Bryant '68, son Timothy H. Clemens '73, son-in-law William N. Bryant '65, three stepdaughters, four grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren. Other Middlebury survivors are sister-in-law Virginia Clemens Lowman '43; a nephew, Keith N. Megathlin '64; and a great-nephew, Shawn R. Megathlin '87.

RUTH MOODY PERKINS, 84, of Ft. Pierce, FL, on June 12, 1996. She taught high school French and Latin in Lebanon, NH (1932-39), and at VT Junior College in Montpelier (1939-41). She served as librarian at Kimball Union Academy from 1942 to 1943, and then taught for seven years at the Tilton School, where her husband was on the

faculty. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Jason W. Perkins, and their son, John M. Perkins '67, and one granddaughter. Mrs. Perkins's great-uncle, Calvin B. Moody, graduated from Middlebury in 1877.

DANIEL P. RICCIO, 87, of Claymont, DE, on April 24, 1996, of a heart attack. Mr. Riccio was a chemist, retiring in 1970 after more than 35 years of service with Allied Chemical Co. An avid golfer, he was a member of Rock Manor Gulf Club, Wilmington, DE, for 62 years. Mr. Riccio and wife Gladys (Jefferson) were married in Mead Chapel by then Middlebury President Paul D. Moody. Mr. Riccio was predeceased by brothers, Leonard D. Riccio '29 and Victor J. Riccio '34. Survivors, in addition to his wife, include son Gary J. Riccio, daughter Cheryl Wood, brother Albert J. Riccio '38, sisters Ida Mangini and Mary Calo, three grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Other surviving Middlebury relatives include a cousin, Alfred L. Riccio '38, and nephews David C. Riccio '59 and Robert L. Riccio '69.

HELEN VORCE THOMPSON, 87, of St. Johnsbury, VT, on January 30, 1995. An English teacher at the Northfield (MA) elementary school before her marriage, she later taught Latin and history at the Northfield School for Girls, retiring in 1970. Her husband, Ray K. Thompson, died in 1978. Survivors include daughters Jean Thompson and Carol O'Brien, and two grandchildren, Megan and Timothy O'Brien.

1933

DOROTHY A. BRITNELL, 86, of Jamesburg, NJ, on July 29, 1996. Beginning as a secretary in a commercial testing lab, Miss Britnell became a legal secretary in corporate, estate, and admiralty law. The last 20 years of her employment were in patent law. She traveled extensively during the summers and moved to Rossmoor two years before her 1975 retirement. Her brother, John C. Britnell '25, died in 1985. Survivors include several nieces and nephews and many grand-nieces and nephews.

EVERETT W. GOULD, 90, of Willoughby, OH, on June 29, 1996. With an M.Div. degree from Bangor Theological Seminary, he was a minister for the United Church of Christ for more than 60 years, serving first in northern VT and later in OH. Following his retirement in 1972, he served as interim pastor of several churches in northeastern OH. During World War II, he served as a chaplain with a medical clearing company in North Africa and Europe, including two D-Day invasions. Predeceased by his wife, Beulah (Whittemore) in 1986, he is survived by daughters Barbara G. Mellinger and Janice E. Noe, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

1935

MAYWOOD CLOUGH KELTON, 82, of Randolph, VT, on May 22, 1996. Mrs. Kelton and her husband, Harry J. Kelton, returned to VT in 1951 and renovated a farmhouse in her hometown of Randolph. In 1958, she entered the field of hospital administration at Gifford Medical Center, retiring as an administrative assistant in 1979. Predeceased by her husband, son Bruce Kelton, and three brothers, Mrs. Kelton is survived by two daughters, Sheila Menard and Wendy Tucker, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

1937

HELEN KUECHEL BAILEY, 80, of Irvine, CA, on September 1, 1995. Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Bradford E. Bailey, and their daughter, Elizabeth Davidson.

1941

HELEN LAWRENCE BAILEY, 76, of Rochester, NY, on June 4, 1996. Due to her husband's Army assignments, she lived in Sunderland, Deerfield, Shutesbury, and Greenfield, MA, before moving, in 1946, to Rochester, where her husband worked at Eastman Kodak. Mrs. Bailey volunteered at the library and taught swimming at the YMCA, while raising four children. Her husband of 49 years, William J. Bailey, Jr., died in 1991. She leaves sons James L. and Paul H., daughters Susan Bailey Stone '65 and Catherine Myhowych, sister Margaret Lawrence Lind '38, four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

MARTHA CARY POWELL, 76, of Denver, CO, on April 14, 1996. She leaves a son and grandson in Denver.

ROBERT A. MARTIN, 76, of Miami, FL, on May 28, 1996, of bone cancer. Mr. Martin was an account executive with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Atlanta, GA, Louisville, KY, Jacksonville, FL, and Miami, FL. He joined Marsh & McLennan, Inc., and finally Frank B. Hall & Co., brokerage, as a vice president, retiring in 1986. His wife of 53 years, Jacqueline (Anthony), survives him, as do their three children, Wayne R., Lyn M. Cantrell, and Nancy M. Albury, and five grandchildren, as well as his mother and his sister. The eldest grandchild, Matthew W. Cantrell '94, graduated from Middlebury *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, with honors in English.
—*Les Ingalls '41*

RICHARD L. STOLPER, 76, of Rochester, NY, on August 12, 1996. He was a veteran of World War II and held an M.A. and doctorate from Columbia Univ. An educator from 1954 until his retirement in 1984, he taught at Horace Mann School for Boys, Ball State Univ., and SUNY at Geneseo. He was an active member of the National Ski Patrol until April of this year. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Helen (Sweet), daughter Vicky, sons David and Jared, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1943

JOSEPH GRAVALLESE, 77, of Dover, NH, on June 7, 1996. Mr. Gravallese served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1975, and was called to active duty during World War II and during the Korean conflict. A graduate of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine (1948), he had a dental practice in Kittery, ME, until 1981. He also taught in the Kittery schools and served on the Kittery School Committee for 13 years. Survivors include his wife, Georgina (McCoy); sons Joseph P., William W., and Joel D.; stepson William J. Beres; a sister; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1945

CAROLYN JACKSON GRUBE, 72, of Groton, CT, on June 9, 1996, of cancer. She was a reporter and woman's page editor for the *Greenwich Time* newspaper, where she met her future husband. Mrs. Grube was devoted to her family and was a volunteer for a number of projects, including Literacy Volunteers, Meals on Wheels, the Cancer Society, the board of her local library, and as a high school tutor. Survivors include her husband of 42 years, Kenneth E. Grube; daughter Marianne L. Grube; sons Paul K., Peter T., and Christopher J. Grube; brother Willard T. Jackson '51; and four grandchildren.

SAVINA VICINI BROOKS, 69, of Surfside, FL, on January 5, 1995, of emphysema. Mrs. Brooks retired from the Chemical Bank in NJ in 1992. Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Hugh C. Brooks, and their daughter Alison. A son, Robert, died in a helicopter crash in 1991, at the age of 34.

1947

MARION BODINE JETTE, 70, of Bristol, VT, on July 31, 1996, at home. She taught special education in Addison County schools for 21 years. In the Bristol community, she served on various school committees, the library board, and the Recreation Club, working especially for tennis courts and a skating rink. She was also a bicyclist and member of "Young Seniors Who Continue to Participate in Athletic Activities." Predeceased by husband Paul in 1980, she is survived by sons Scott and James, two granddaughters, a sister, and many nieces and nephews.

1948

H. BRUCE STAHL, 71, of Miami, FL, on May 6, 1996. He entered the Navy V12 Program and served in the evacuation of the Philippines and aboard the U.S.S. *Enterprise* Aircraft Carrier. Returning to Middlebury, he was on the varsity hockey team, sang in the choir, and majored in economics and business. After 20 years as an executive with Union Carbide, he bought his own business, retiring as owner and president of Miami Welding Supply in March 1993. He is survived by wife Catherine Jane (Craig), daughter Nancy Elizabeth Stahl, son Robert Bruce Stahl, and two grandsons.

1949

STEWART G. CHAPIN, 72, of Belmont, VT, on July 12, 1996. Mr. Chapin served in the Navy as a pilot in World War II, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross. He held a master's degree from the Univ. of NH (1951) and was an aerospace research scientist for the Martin Marietta Corp. Survivors include his wife, Lillian (Korpi); son Bruce S. Chapin '73; daughters Marcia Chapin, Nancy Chapin, Mary Chapin, and Beckie Henderson; a sister; two brothers; and five grandchildren.

RAYMOND V. HARTSHORN, 72, of Lancaster, NH, on August 19, 1996. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps as a flight navigator in the South Pacific. Mr. Hartshorn owned and operated White Mountain Mack (Lancaster, NH), Maine Mack Inc. (Bangor and Portland, ME), and Connell Diesel (Portland, ME). Survivors include son Bruce R. Hartshorn, daughters Nancy Hartshorn '78 and Jennifer Hartshorn, and three grandchildren.

RAYMOND J. NIHAN, 73, of Rockford, IL, on August 30, 1996. Mr. Nihan came to Middlebury after serving in the Navy in World War II. A graduate of Purdue's College of Pharmacy, he was president and general manager of Nihan and Martin Pharmacies, retiring in 1987. A fund-raiser and past president of the Northern IL Blood Bank, he was active in many community affairs, and was a lifelong golf enthusiast. Predeceased by his first wife, Sally (Hobson), he is survived by wife Ruth (Scudder Clark); mother Jovita Nihan; son Michael Nihan; daughters Nancy Peck, Lisa Lillie, and Prema Nihan; stepchildren Robert H. Clark and Janet Clark Holmgren; and 11 grandchildren.

1951

HAROLD J. LeCLAIR, 69, of Tewksbury, MA, on August 7, 1996. An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. LeClair was a sales representative for Warner-Lambert Drug Co. for more than 36 years. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Long Meadow Golf Club. He was also a member of the Friends of St. John's Nursing Home, the D'Youville Manor Men's Guild, and a founding member of the Lowell Jaycees. Survivors include his wife, Mildred (Hanafin Rice); son Harold J. LeClair III; daughter Karen-Ann Smith; and a brother, Robert LeClair.

1954

NORMAN B. BURGER, 66, of Stamford, CT, on August 10, 1996, of emphysema. A 1949 graduate of Choate School, Mr. Burger was a teacher for 35 years, most recently at the Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, MA. After retiring, he was a volunteer at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center. He is survived by a brother, William J. Burger.

KATHLEEN DONOHUE HALL, 63, of Belfast, ME, on June 23, 1996. Transferring to Columbia after two years at Middlebury, she continued her studies while working as assistant dean of admissions there and concurrently completing a two-year evening course at Katherine Gibbs School. She later pursued a career in journalism and was a reporter and for the *Lakeville (CT) Journal* and the *Berkshire Eagle* in Pittsfield, MA. In ME she was a founder and charter member of the Waldo County YMCA, taught remedial reading at the Eastside School in Belfast, served on the boards of Action for the Arts and the Belfast Group Home Foundation. Survivors include her husband, Monroe B. "Mike" Hall '54; sons Monroe B. III, Mark D., and Matthew R. Hall; daughter Melissa Hall Moore; and four grandchildren.

1957

FREDERICK G. SCHNEIDER, 61, of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, on July 16, 1995, of cancer. He was retired from Moore Business Forms Co., for whom he had worked many years, both in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. In retirement, he was very active in the Puerto Rico Golf Association and served as one of the head officials for the Puerto Rico Seniors Tournament. He also served as a Middlebury alumni admissions interviewer in Puerto Rico. He leaves his wife, Daisy; a brother, Peter; and a sister, Anne.

1963

BRUCE G. DANIELS, 54, of Sudbury, MA, on May 27, 1996, of a heart attack. He received his doctor of jurisprudence from the Univ. of CA, Los Angeles, in 1966. A former member of the law firm Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, Mr. Daniels was counsel to the law firm Hoffman & Hoffman in Sudbury at the time of his death. He was active on committees of the Boston Bar Assoc., the MA Conveyancers Assoc., and the MA Assoc. of Bank Counsel, as well as being an author and lecturer. He is survived by wife Carole (Jacobs); children Gabrielle, Kerri, Rachel, and Kimberly; parents Benjamin and Bernice Daniels; a sister, and a brother.

1970

ARNOLD McKINNEY, 51, of Waycross, GA, on September 19, 1996, of a heart attack. At Middlebury, he was an early voice for the concerns of students

In Memoriam

Eleanor Clemens Berry

by Robert Hill, Henry Norman Hudson Chair in English

At a Sheldon Museum reception early this summer, Eleanor and I promised each other a dinner together, for sure, before *this* summer ended—that was in the midst of a conversation where I was about to share a joke with her. Interrupted, I also promised to complete it later. It's a joke, if there ever was one, geared to her sense of humor, dealing as it does in a context dear to her heart—academics, student and teacher, youth and age, the fabulous foolishness which always lurks just beneath the surface of these mixes. Promise fulfilled, Eleanor, here's the joke:

A student comes to a young professor's office hours. She glances down the hall, closes his door, kneels pleadingly. "I would do *anything* to pass this exam." She leans closer to him, flips back her hair, gazes meaningfully into his eyes. "I mean ...," she whispers, "... I would do ... *anything*."

He returns her gaze. "Anything?"

"*Anything*."

His voice softens. "*Anything*??"

"*Anything*." His voice turns to a whisper. "Would you ... *study*?"

I hear that inimitable laugh—it takes no imagination whatsoever.

At Alumni College II, a couple of decades ago, in a series of classes on Emily Dickinson's poetry, I first met and got to know Eleanor, who, subsequently, was a mainstay in every one of the five courses I engaged up there at Bread Loaf. Shortly after our first session, there mysteriously began to appear on the several bulletin boards lines from Dickinson alluding to booze. It's positively astonishing how many references to inebriation, liquor, wine appear in Dickinson. Not a few from outside our class at the conference began seriously to ponder what could *possibly* be going on in that class. It was during this second Alumni College that the College president and his treasurer had more or less decided to terminate this nonprofit program. The news had leaked. Eleanor mobilized the entire membership to confront the president at his formal Saturday night address. The sheer volume of unanimous, overwhelming objection voiced by so many, primed ahead, each and every one by Eleanor, foreclosed that idea permanently. Let the truth be known. There would *be* no Alumni College today but for Eleanor, no matter what manipulators of history may subsequently have promoted. For it's no news to any of us assembled here that Eleanor could be a rather formidable adversary.

But if she were your ally, as she always was unreservedly mine, her bounty had no winter in it—you were bound by hoops of steel. Another year—a course on Dickens. It's Saturday night late, sitting in the barn by the fire with Eleanor at my side. A figure in a black coat from out of the gloom looms at my left. "I say, are you this chap who's been talking about sex in Dickens' novels? I find that absolutely appalling, unacceptable, you know." At which this specter simply disappears back into the night from whence he came; whither he went or who he was, no one ever knew. I cannot pretend that I was otherwise than a bit shaken. Eleanor: "My God, what was that! Bob, get us another drink." To this day I'm convinced it was her glare at him that withered his withers.

Another year a contemporary of Eleanor's, in age if not in spirit, asks innocently enough: "What are all those *children* doing wandering around outside there?" Eleanor: "What do you *think* they're doing? They've all come up here to watch us all *die*!" Now as a teacher, I can assure you, beginning a class—that's a hard act to follow. And it says a lot about why Eleanor has been and will be the only auditor I've ever allowed into a regular semester seminar; indeed, she was in two seminars on Yeats. The final class for each was at her place, in the barn: Yeats, dinner and drinks, more Yeats—the two best, most memorable concluding classes of all the courses I have ever taught. She positively reveled in the interplay among young minds, the only parent I know (older than most) who in the '70s thoroughly relished that generation's rebellion against authorities, just as they, once over their initial surprise, relished her extraordinary spirit. Indeed, she was a formidable ally of that generation and their heresies. And the only thing the opposition could come up with was: "nattering nabobs of negativism." What a rich fantasy. Eleanor and Spiro Agnew squared off in a room together. So there are 24 human beings graying out there for whom those two evenings will live in memory for a long time—and they were not dry ones—in two senses of the word. ■

of color, and one of the first to organize and politicize African-American students on campus. After graduating, he served as associate dean in the Dean of Students Office. For 20 years an active member of the Atlanta-based General Missionary Baptist Convention of GA, he was elected vice president of the organization two years ago. Composed of 871 churches and 600,000 members, the convention operates a seminary, a youth camp, and substance abuse programs. He held a master's degree from Morehouse School of Religion/Interdenominational Theological Center and was pastor of Waycross Macedonia Baptist Church for the last 12 years. Survivors include his wife, Karen Smallwood McKinney '73; children Erica Morel and Derek Alexander; his mother, Helen McKinney; a sister, Patricia McKinney; and a brother, Michael McKinney.

1978
JOHN G. BICOULIS, 39, of New York, NY, on August 3, 1996. Mr. Bicoulis was vice president of trade services for Chemical Bank for 15 years, retiring earlier this year because of illness. A native of Fitchburg, MA, Mr. Bicoulis studied in Spain and Greece before moving to New York. He had traveled all over the world and was a volunteer in New York for God's Love—We Deliver. He leaves a sister, Stephanie Bicoulis; a god-son, John Bozicas; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins. Middlebury survivors include an uncle, Peter Nikitas '43; and cousins Dean '73 and Steven Nikitas '76.

HONORARY DEGREES

1962
JAMES STACY COLES, 83, of Quissett, MA, and New York, NY, on June 13, 1996. He was president emeritus of Bowdoin College.

1986
ROGER TORY PETERSON, 87, of Old Lyme, CT, on July 28, 1996.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

1928
EILEEN McCARTHY, M.A. French, 101, of Quincy, MA, on June 1, 1996. She taught French and Spanish at Quincy High School from 1922 until her retirement in 1958.

1929
HELEN D. ABBOTT, M.A. French, 89, of Durham, NH, on June 7, 1996. A librarian at Dartmouth and at Middlebury, she retired in 1972, after 29 years of service at UNH.

SISTER MARY ALBAN BSHARAH, 99, of the Ursuline Community of New Rochelle, CT, on July 17, 1996.

1939
LOLA JANE PEREZ DE LARA, M.A. French, 92, of Sarasota, FL, on August 5, 1996.

1941
MARY MARGARET MASTRIANNI, M.A. French, 90, of Mechanicville, NY, on April 4, 1996. Principal of the high school in Mechanicville from 1955 until her retirement in 1969, Miss Mastrianni was a longtime activist with the New York State Teachers Assoc.

1951
ELIZABETH WATERMAN DERRY, M.A. Spanish, 77, of East Falmouth, MA, on May 22, 1996.

FREDERICK H. JACKSON, D.M.L. Italian, 84, of Fayetteville, NY, on October 10, 1995. A professor emeritus at Syracuse Univ., where he taught Italian for 38 years, Dr. Jackson produced the first scholarly translation from English to Italian of Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

1957
EMIL K. ROTTLER, M.A. English, of York, PA, on August 12, 1995.

1958
A. DOROTHY KIDD, M.A. French, 89, of Woodbridge, Ontario, on February 28, 1996.

1971
JOEY GUERRERO LEAUMAX, Spanish '71, 68, of Highland, NY, on June 18, 1996.

1973
DEBORAH P. McILWAINE, M.A. English, 72, of Sugar Hill, NH, on July 1, 1996, in a head-on collision with a truck. A former state representative in NH, Mrs. McIlwaine worked to prevent domestic violence and was active in the Alternatives to Violence program in prisons in NH and ME.

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May 3-4, 1997

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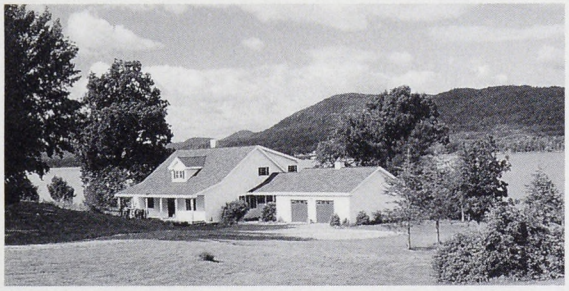

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

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The results of the Parents' Survey basically endorse enthusiastically the educational product in which these people are investing. We know not to read too much into these numbers, into the very slight shifts within a range of quality that makes us proud. But we care about what the numbers indicate, and so we watch them and we act on them. Our students tell us when we are doing well and when we are not. We want our parents to keep us informed, too. Please let us know what you think, through the survey you receive each year or through a letter or an e-mail communication. To be merely "good" is not good enough at Middlebury—not for these exceptional students, nor for their parents, nor for those of us concerned with their education. Accountability paves the path to excellence. ■

ALUMNI CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

7 Hartford Colt Exhibition with William Hosley '77, Wadsworth Atheneum

10-27 South Pacific Alumni Tour, Bob Churchill, Australia/New Zealand, Vantage Travel

13 Burlington Lecture, Olin Robison, Windjammer Conference Center

20 Denver Faculty Lecture/Dinner, John Spencer

21 Seattle Faculty Lecture/Dinner, John Spencer

22 San Francisco Faculty Lunch, John Spencer

TBA San Francisco Mountain Bike Tour, Jacquie Phelan '77 & Susan Scheer '92

DECEMBER

3 Holiday Reception, President McCardell, New York Yacht Club

5 San Francisco Holiday Reception, S. F. Brewing Co.

10 Boston Holiday Reception, President McCardell, Union Club

12 Burlington Holiday Reception, President McCardell, Windjammer Conference Center

JANUARY

30-2/2 Celebration for Midyear Graduates

FEBRUARY

14-16 MCAA Executive Committee Meeting

28-3/2 Middlebury Alumni of Color Weekend

For information, call (802) 443-5183

MODEL TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

This fall the College will begin redesigning its K-12 Teacher Education Program. We hope to create a model program that plays off the strengths and "peaks" of the College, is integrated as much as possible with the regular curriculum, and is consistent with the mission of the College. **We need your ideas and suggestions**. Contact Bob Prigo, Department of Physics, Chair of the Special Committee on Teacher Education, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753, or e-mail at prigo@midd-unix.middlebury.edu.

by Peter S. Hamlin '73

REVERBERATIONS OF A LIFE IN MUSIC

Middlebury College just won't be the same without George Todd, who begins a new career as a retiree next fall. George was a young music professor in his thirties when I was a student. I liked him immediately, and admired him after hearing his first lecture in Music 101. He rendered unusual or difficult concepts with a deceptively effortless clarity. His lectures were filled with unbounded creative energy, insight, high and low comedy, passion, and a genuine interest in his students.

In George's lectures, we learned to hear Mozart with a sense of first discovery. He led us to hear the sonic beauty of Boulez without being distracted by mere novelty. One of my clearest images from my freshman year is of George standing before a table full of objects we had all brought in (vases, fruit, books, stuffed animals), grabbing them as appropriate to illustrate the form of Mozart's "Turkish Rondo." With the music sounding like the sped-up sound track of a silent movie, George rushed around like Buster Keaton in a chase scene, grabbing objects to represent the different sections of the form. Oranges, the only thing there was more than one of, were used for the refrain. And I remember our introduction to the Schoenberg pieces for piano, op. 23. This ordinarily difficult challenge for a first-time listener sounded like jazz after George's marvelous introduction.

George was genuinely fascinated by what his students brought him, musically and otherwise, and his interest was itself a great teaching device and a wonderful motivator. I'm reminded of the time I made a marinade at his house a few years ago; it could have been the discovery of electricity for the way he reacted to it. (For the record, the marinade was very good.)

George Todd

With George's help and blessing, I remember hauling gigantic sine-wave generators up from the Science Center, retuning pianos to odd temperaments, and trying to make electronic music with a Crown tape recorder and breaking it at least once in the process. We blew fuses while seeking the ultimate tone cluster on the then new chapel organ. We walked around campus with George banging on every possible object to hear its musical potential. I was not surprised, when I visited him much later, to find that he had a collection of tapes he had made of sounds from Middlebury's marble works.

George is also a fabulous composer. His music is filled with inventive sounds, and with gestures that bend, stretch, creak, twitch. His electronic pieces jump out of the speakers with a unique vibrancy that makes you see and feel as well as hear them.

It's interesting for me to think back on how the reverberations of George's teaching have affected my own artistic development. Some years after graduating, I sent him a long letter to let him know what I was up to. (At the end of his answer, he added: "Why don't you send me a postcard every few months instead of *Gone with the Wind* every decade?") I had begun to notice more traditional musical language creeping into my work. As a student, I had assumed that George's greatest legacy to me was his infectious interest in new musical devices, in innovation, and in a refusal to be limited by preconceptions of what is musical. Years later I recognized an equal resonance from his ability to approach traditional musical techniques and forms with the same kind of fresh thinking, a gift that is equally rare. ■

Peter Hamlin is assistant professor of composition and theory at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

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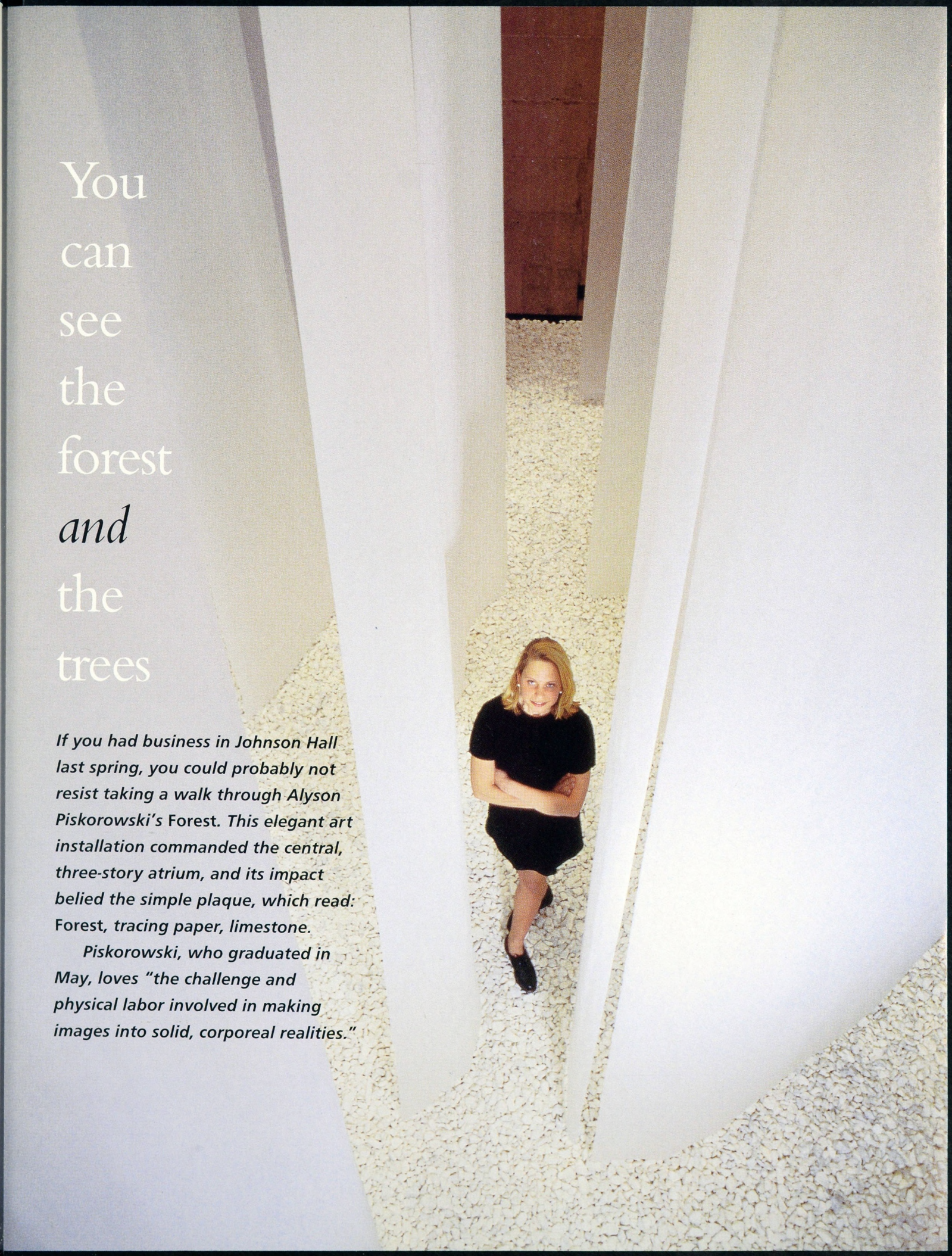
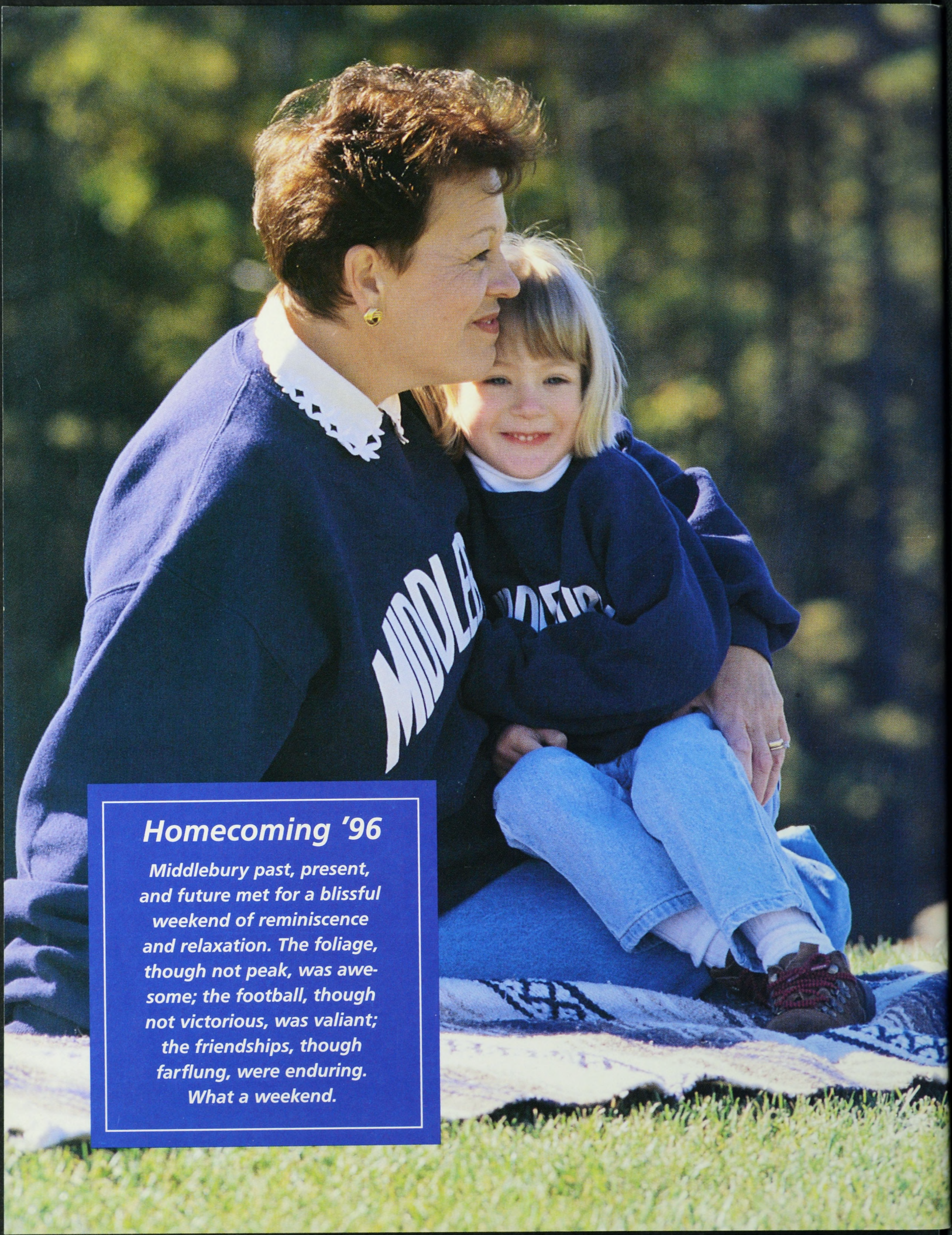
You can see the forest *and* the trees



If you had business in Johnson Hall last spring, you could probably not resist taking a walk through Alyson Piskorowski's Forest. *This elegant art installation commanded the central, three-story atrium, and its impact belied the simple plaque, which read:* Forest, *tracing paper, limestone.*

Piskorowski, who graduated in May, loves "the challenge and physical labor involved in making images into solid, corporeal realities."



Homecoming '96

Middlebury past, present, and future met for a blissful weekend of reminiscence and relaxation. The foliage, though not peak, was awesome; the football, though not victorious, was valiant; the friendships, though farflung, were enduring. What a weekend.